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Kinnock lifts party morale and warns left

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock lifted the morale of Labour MPs yesterday with a passionate call to show courage and not buckle in the wake of the Greenwich by-election defeat, coupled with a sharp warning to the left not stand in the way of the party's progress.

In what his parliamentary colleagues were describing as one of his strongest leadership performances, Mr Kinnock tried to calm the worries of MPs with a confident prediction of victory at the general election and a strong declaration to the far left that it would not be allowed to influence the leadership, policies and direction of the party.

Mr Kinnock said that this was no time to bend the knee; it was no time to look inwards.

And, after the shock defeat of Mrs Deirdre Wood, widely perceived as a hard-left candidate out of tune with the traditional Labour voters of Greenwich, Mr Kinnock told constituency parties to pay heed to the feelings and values of the electorate in their choice of candidates. But he said that there would be no imposition of candidates by the leadership.

After the Greenwich disaster, many Labour MPs had gone into yesterday's private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party in a state of deep depression.

But in a firm speech directed at critics on the left and right, Mr Kinnock was acting to prevent a further bout of party infighting. Afterwards the general consensus was that he had succeeded.

Indeed, so forceful was the Labour leader's contribution that it was the last. Many MPs who had planned to voice their concerns declined to do so, feeling that he had said what needed to be said.

In a Radio 4 interview last night Mr Kinnock again criticized the "self-indulgence" of some left-wing Labour councils. Some, he said, were by their actions not serving the people they sincerely wanted to serve.

Those people who wanted to think of their areas as islands of sweeping deprivation which alienated them from the rest of the country so that they could do exactly what they liked were sabotaging what was needed to mitigate the problems of their areas.

Mr Kinnock said that the idea that the leadership should appoint all candidates was "political illiteracy." Except where there was a constitutional impropriety, it would be wrong an an offence against democracy to do so. "I want no more slack and idle talk of the leadership planting candidates."

But the words most of his audience wanted to hear followed immediately. Giving constituencies the rights to select candidates meant they must carry responsibilities.

The major responsibility was in making their choice "to heed the people they are seeking to represent, to comprehend their feelings and values and to listen to them and to respond to their deeply held and understandable views".

"In the Labour movement we operate with the people not in spite of the people.

"That does not mean kowtowing to the prejudices of the Press or forsaking beliefs. It does mean fulfilling the rudimentary requirements of democracy to be authentic representatives of those whose votes we seek. It is an honest contract and one that must be kept."

In a sideswipe at the left, Mr Kinnock described as "consummate stupidity" the claim that Greenwich was a right-wing campaign fought by a left-wing candidate.

Mr Kinnock told his party that it must put Greenwich behind it. Everything it had done and said since 1983 had been geared to victory in the general election: in policy development, improving organization, expelling the Militants, it had fought and pushed and won.

Mr Kinnock said that recriminations should be left aside, they were self-indulgent and fruitless. "Learn the lessons. Most of all understand that I have no time and this party has no time for those who would rather win an argument with friends than win an election against enemies."

The people "on the fringes" of the movement would have no influence. "They are numbered in tens. They do not represent the policies or the character of a party of over 300,000."



The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the World Wildlife Fund, launching a campaign in London yesterday to save the giant panda (Photograph: Chris Harris). Story, page 2

US arms team gets green light from President

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

President Reagan has given the green light to the American arms negotiators in Geneva to press ahead to a final treaty on intermediate-range nuclear weapons. Mr Maynard Gliman, head of the US negotiating team, said here yesterday.

Mr Gliman presented to the Soviet negotiators the US draft treaty on withdrawal of the superpowers' medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe within five years, describing it as a "very complete text, including almost all verification issues". It also covers the shorter-range missiles in the 500 to 1,000 kilometres range.

He handed the draft to his Soviet opposite number, Mr Lem Masterkov, in a meeting at the American Diplomatic Mission. The two sides, each 10 strong — including two women in the US team — faced each other across a long narrow table in a relatively relaxed atmosphere.

After visiting Brussels today to brief the Nato allies, Mr Gliman will fly on to Washington and will return here early next week.

"The President is moving ahead with us here and has given the green light," he said. "We're looking forward to getting these negotiations going now in a serious way and handling all the details needed for a final treaty."

While the draft was based on proposals put forward at Reykjavik, he said, the US would prefer to go beyond the provision that each side retain 100 warheads in, respectively, Alaska and east of the Urals.

"If the Soviets would agree to that, we'd be happy to have such an outcome," he added. "We want to deal with the short-range missiles in this treaty and not separately. We believe they have to be an integral part of the agreement and have to be constrained."

Accord on an INF (intermediate-range nuclear forces) treaty would be followed up "very quickly" with negotiations on the remaining shorter-range systems, the tactical arms. The treaty would incorporate a legal commitment on this. The Russians had recognized in 1982 that short-range systems had to be taken into an INF negotiation.

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Mr Glitman, speaking to reporters as he waited to receive the Soviet negotiators, was asked about the Western European reaction to the prospect of part of the nuclear shield being dispensed with.

"We've been consulting on this issue for a long time with our allies, including military leaders," he said. "They are aware of what's in this text. We think it will strengthen Western security."

"We are trying for complete precision; we do not want to leave any ambiguities. The Soviets have said they are prepared to work forward on verification and we hope they will. On some aspects, they have at least been saying the same things as we have. When we get into details we'll see if we both really mean the same things."

He believed the fact that Mr Gorbachov had eliminated the linkage between an INF accord and other arms control measures was "really a tribute to the strength of public opinion".

Storm over Ridley 'London homeless can move' advice

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday caused a storm of protest in the House of Commons when he suggested that homeless people in London should go to other areas where there were homes empty.

He said there were some 750,000 more houses in this country than there were homeless people, and he added, "It may conceivably be a good idea for them go somewhere where there is a home rather than to sleep rough in London."

Opposition MPs who heard his remarks at Question Time were comparing them with Mr Norman Tebbit's famous phrase "on your bike", and Dr John Cunningham, Labour's environment spokesman condemned them as "crass and insensitive".

In a heated exchange, Mr Ridley replied that "it was crass and incompetent not to realize that it is better to find a home where there is one empty than to sleep out on the pavement when you don't have to."

Mr Ridley also angered Labour MPs when he indicated support for a call to force councils to sell any council homes that had been empty for six months.

The call comes in a private member's Bill from Mr John Powley, Conservative MP for Norwich South, which Mr Ridley described as a "very sensible Bill. I am getting very tempted to support such a Bill if local authorities are not going to carry out their statutory functions."

Referring to an invitation from Mr Nick Raynsford, Labour MP for Fulham, that he should take action on three fronts — private, council and Government-owned housing — Mr Ridley answered: "You never know. I might."

In taunting mood, Mr Ridley further upset Labour members by telling the House that there was no point in building more council houses in areas where there was already a surplus, and he reaffirmed his support for the relaxation of rent controls in the private sector.

The latest figures show that there are around 113,000 empty council homes, of which about one quarter have been empty for more than one year.



Reagan rejects idea of control by wife

From Christopher Thomas and Michael Binyon
Washington

An angry President Reagan yesterday attacked "the fiction, the despicable fiction," that Mrs Nancy Reagan was helping him to run the White House.

"A lot of people ought to be ashamed of themselves" for spreading the story, he said during a photo session.

Mr Howard Baker, the new Chief of Staff who let slip that Mrs Reagan could be a bit of a "dragon", was present and smiled broadly.

The President, who for many weeks has avoided contact with journalists, acknowledged that he was "breaking my own rule here", but said a nerve had been touched.

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Earlier yesterday, before his crucial nationwide television address last night, Mr Reagan plunged into a hectic round of meetings, visits, appearances and announcements to counter the impression that he has lost control.

He made his first formal appearance in three months before the White House press corps to announce in person the US response to the latest Soviet arms proposals, visited the staff of his National Security Council, was briefed on Angola and Mozambique, held talks with congressional leaders and announced Mr William Webster, head of the FBI, as his choice to head the CIA. The choice prompted positive reactions in political circles.

Mr Baker and Mr Frank Carlucci, the National Security Adviser, have urged him to demonstrate his "engagement" in the business of government in response to the Tower Commission accusations. Mr Reagan is said to be distressed by suggestions that he is too old or too lazy for the job.

His televised speech last night was considered crucial to his attempt to rebound from the Iran arms scandal. It came on his 35th wedding anniversary, which he celebrated with a family dinner before the television address.

Thatcher missile stand stirs diplomatic unrest

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Intense diplomatic exchanges between Whitehall, Washington and Moscow are under way after Mrs Thatcher's insistence that any East-West deal on medium-range missiles must be accompanied by constraints on shorter-range nuclear weapons.

Whitehall officials now believe the issue could prove a controversial point during Mrs Thatcher's summit with Mr Gorbachov later this month.

The dispute is expected to focus on claims by the West that it has no missiles in the category which it considers most relevant, known as SRINF (missiles with a range of 500 to 1,000 kilometres).

On the West's count Moscow has about 600 SS-22, SS-23 and Scud missiles, while the West has only 70 Pershing 1s kept in Germany, which it argues should not be taken into account.

Moscow is expected to insist that the Pershing 1s should be included and to point out that in another category known as SINF the West has a large superiority. These missiles, with a range of 100 to 500 kilometres, include about 1,800 American Lance missiles and about 100 Soviet SS-21s.

● **BRUSSELS:** Belgium yesterday warned the Western allies it would delay deployment of new nuclear missiles for six months if the East-West negotiations were still underway at the end of the year. Belgium is committed to deployment of 32 cruise missile launchers this year.

INSIDE

Short wins Reykjavik chess title

In the greatest individual triumph in the history of British chess, Nigel Short, from Manchester, won the IBM All Grandmaster Tournament in Reykjavik by a clear point from the former world champion Mikhail Tal. Page 2

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Inquiry snag

DTI inspectors investigating insider dealing by civil servants have hit a snag with key witnesses refusing to give evidence Page 19

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Chelsea plan

Ken Bates, the Chelsea Football Club chairman, plans to secure the future of the club by buying the lease on the Stamford Bridge ground Page 32

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Pages of jobs

Today *The Times* carries 11 pages of General Appointments. In an introduction Professor Roland Smith, of Manchester University, says it will be the most market-orientated businesses which will profit from the many opportunities now available Pages 33-41,43,44

TIMES RESULTS

Results of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales professional examination II are published today Page 42

Portfolio Gold

● There is £8,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner yesterday.
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Sex case Jordanian must stay

By Andrew McEwen and Stewart Tendler

The Jordanian Ambassador yesterday saw a Foreign Office minister to discuss the case of a Jordanian Embassy waiter who was questioned by detectives about a series of indecent assaults in London.

The man, a member of the Jordanian Army, was held last Friday by police investigating 15 assaults on women in the Holland Park area of west London. Scotland Yard said the man claimed diplomatic immunity and was released.

But the Foreign Office said yesterday that the Jordanian would not have had diplomatic immunity.

As a member of the service staff, he had third-class immunity covering him only while conducting his official duties.

The Foreign Office also said it had not been consulted. If it had, the reply would have been that the Jordanian had no immunity.

Mr Nabih al-Nimr, Jordan's Ambassador, was called to the Foreign Office to see Mr Timothy Eggar, Under-Secretary of State. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "He assured Mr Eggar that the Jordanian Embassy were giving their full co-operation and indicated that the man in question will not leave the UK while investigations continue."

Police sources say the man was released because there was insufficient evidence to charge him, not because of immunity. Detectives are now awaiting the results of scientific tests.

Aids drug is given go-ahead

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Approval for the use of the Aids treatment AZT for patients in Britain was announced by the Government last night.

The Committee on the Safety of Medicines, has recommended that the drug, which will be known as Retrovir, should be granted a product licence.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said that the advice had been accepted.

The decision means that Aids sufferers and those with Aids-related conditions may be offered the drug by hospital specialists. Retrovir prevents the Aids virus from reproducing, has been shown to prolong life and improve the health of some patients.

However, it is not a cure and does not prevent people from becoming infected with the Aids virus.

Retrovir can now be marketed in Britain by the Wellcome pharmaceutical company, which has developed it

Specialists met earlier this week to discuss which categories of Aids patients should receive the drug.

It already has been given to a small number of Aids patients under carefully-controlled conditions in London hospitals and isknown to have serious side-effects.

The company has said that it hopes to produce enough by May to help 10,000 sufferers worldwide. The drug is likely to cost about £125 per 100 pills.

Cheaper loans on way

Cheaper overdrafts and home loans are looking more certain after interest rates in London's money markets fell yesterday for the fourth consecutive trading day.

Rates are now consistent with a cut in base lending rates from 11 per cent to 10½ per cent. The Bank of England, which has been intervening in money markets, to damp down hopes of early interest rate cuts, appeared to be inactive yesterday, giving rise to renewed speculation that lower base rates may emerge before the Budget on March 17.

The pound had a good day on the foreign exchanges. It rose against both the dollar and the mark and sterling's index against other leading currencies rose to 70.9 compared with 70.6 on Tuesday.

Shares made small gains and the FT-SE 100 share index broke through the 2000 level for the first time. It has doubled since January 1984.

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Lords leap to defend Queen's English

By Philip Howard

The House of Lords came storming to the defence of the English language yesterday in a lively little debate which I marked Beta Query Plus for grammar, Beta Query Minus for diction, and Alpha Query Zeta for common sense.

The Lords may no longer embrace such masters of the English language as Lords Chesterfield and Macaulay. But they offer a wide variety of accents, styles, and cranky hobby-horses.

Lord Simon of Glaisdale introduced a debate on the importance of the English language and the case for making it easier to learn. He reckoned that we should reform the spelling to standardize those dreadful "ough" words, so that we spell "plow" the American way, and "thru" as we did in the seventeenth century.

He also suggested we get rid of the irregularities in our verbs so that we say "teached" and "dreamed" not "taught" and "dreamt", and institute a Language Reform Commission.

Lord Diamond thought that we needed to protect the purity of English from the Government itself, which in its official publications commits such bestialities as using nouns like "rubbish" as verbs, treating "data" as a singular, introducing such vulgar American prepositions as to meet "with", and otiose suffixes as in "disassociate".

Lord McNair asserted with emphasis that the best way to make English easier to learn was to teach Latin, and cited startling evidence from the United States that Latin helps reading, spelling, maths, science, and all the branches of learning, and maybe even regular bowel movements.

Lord Shaughnessy declared that the decay of English was the fault of the media.

He deplored the carelessness and hackneyed clichés and metaphors to which we are exposed all day all over the world in the press and on the airwaves. In particular he is irritated by our Fleet Street spaghetti of U-turns, the forests of banana-skins, the Arctic of ice bergs, the constant light at the end of that boring old tunnel, and the interminable end of an era.

He supposes, erroneously, that it is all the fault of the new technology of photocomposition for reducing the control of the copy editor over the words.

Lady Saltoun of Abernethy said with more truth than romantic linguistic idealism that you cannot streamline language by legislation, nor should you try. If foreigners wanted to come and live in our beautiful country, they should take the trouble to learn our beautiful language.

In her maiden speech Baroness Strange described the Lords tpertly as couthy and kenspeckle. Everybody agreed that the Queen's English is our chief glory.

Most Lords seem to feel that all was not well with English, which was being eroded by a sort of Dutch Elm's Disease of language that was gnawing away at its roots and destroying its enunciation. On the contrary. Their debate gave a splendid example that English in its House of Lords register of stately urbanity, mutual congratulation, gentle wit, platitude and puffery, and amiable woolly-headedness is alive and well.

Viscount quits Army over cuts

Lord Morpeth, heir to the Earl of Carlisle, has resigned his commission in the Army after making frequent complaints over pay, equipment and conditions.

Lord Morpeth had been a major in the 9th/12th Lancers.

Lord Morpeth, who is 38, and joined the army in 1967, gives his reasons for resigning in a letter to *The Times* today.

Lord Morpeth said last night that his letters of protest to the Ministry of Defence had got nowhere.

Lord Morpeth said last night that he took six months to decide to resign his commission. He said his letters of protest to the Ministry of Defence had "got nowhere". Letters, page 13

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NEWS SUMMARY

Jenkins ahead in Chancellor race

Supporters of Mr Roy Jenkins, the SDP founder, have amassed 430 nominations for his candidacy for the post of Chancellor of Oxford University.

When nominations closed this week, Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, had 186 and Lord Blake, the provost of Queen's College, had 65.

Mr Maurice Keen, chief organizer of the campaign to elect Mr Heath into the post left vacant by the death of Lord Stockton last December, said: "Some of Mr Jenkins's lobby have used the SDP machine to bring in as many nominations as they can."

He added that support for Mr Heath has just been announced from ministers including Lord Whitelaw, Lord Hailsham and Mr William Waldegrave. Mr Keen said: "This shows the idea that Mr Heath's candidacy is an anti-Thatcher campaign is all my eye and Betty Martin".

Sir Alec Cairncross, former Master of St Peter's College and a prominent campaigner for Mr Jenkins, yesterday denied Mr Keen's accusation of SDP involvement.

Health teams hope

Expert advisory teams investigating smoking, nutrition and other health issues, which are due to be disbanded when the Health Education Council is abolished on April 1, may be kept going.

The council, which is to replaced by the new Health Education Authority, said yesterday that it had been assured by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, that "our work will continue".

Critics have accused the Government of abolishing the HEC because of pressure against its campaigns from the tobacco, alcohol and food industries. Mr Fowler has denied the claims and that the HEA will be less independent.

Dr David Player, the HEC's director, has applied for the £35,000 a year job of chief executive of the HEA, but his supporters fear he will not be appointed because of his criticisms of Government attitudes to HEC campaigns.

Skeleton discovery

Archaeologists have found the complete skeleton of a 2,000 year old native British horse on the site of an old Roman road in Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr David Andrews, of Essex County Council archaeology unit, said: "The find is really unusual. Normally in those times, horses were butchered for meat after death." The find is especially interesting because today's horses are very different from the older, native British horse because of centuries of intensive stock breeding.

House prices up

House prices rose last month to give an annual increase to the end of February of 14.9 per cent in the Halifax House Price Index

The figures show house prices in Greater London and the South-east are still rising strongly — up 26.8 per cent and 24.4 per cent in the past 12 months.

But even the North region shows an increase of 9.6 per cent. House prices in Yorkshire and Humberside continued their recovery, up by 10.5 per cent in the past year.

Noise annoys

Complaints to environmental health officers about noise from domestic premises have increased seven-fold since 1975, according to Department of the Environment statistics.

The department says it is not known whether the growth in complaints was due to real increases in noise or to declining public tolerance.

Radiation levels in 1986 were higher because of Chernobyl, but the estimated extra dose for adults was less than 2 per cent of the normal background level.

Award to Princess



Princess Anne, who became president of the Save the Children Fund 17 years ago, is to receive an award for her "outstanding contribution to young people".

She will be presented with the Variety Club's International Humanitarian Award at a dinner at the Albert Hall on May 7.

The award has previously been made to the Duke of Edinburgh, Albert Schweitzer, Winston Churchill, Sir Alexander Fleming, and Danny Kaye, who became an ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund.

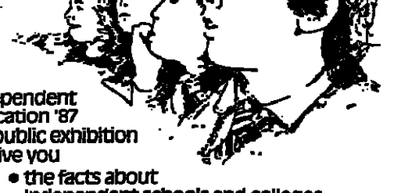
Gelignite ship in tow

The Danish freighter Hornestrand, which was adrift in the English Channel with 400 tons of gelignite aboard, was taken in tow yesterday by a Dutch salvage tug. Late last night it was off Falmouth, where bomb disposal teams will inspect its cargo.

The ship, abandoned by its crew of five early on Tuesday when it was thought that fire had broken out on board, had been shadowed by French and British warships which policed an "exclusion zone" in the Channel shipping lanes to keep all other vessels at a safe distance.

It no longer appears to be on fire but had drifted within eight miles of the south Devon coast. Contingency plans had been made to blow it up at sea.

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New inquiry into 'false' crime figures

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The Police Complaints Authority yesterday ordered a fresh investigation into allegations that detectives in Kent falsified crime statistics after a former policewoman offered new information.

The woman, a former detective, came forward only hours after news that the original inquiry by Scotland Yard on behalf of the complaints authority had been sabotaged. Scores of statements which might have verified the allegations had disappeared from Kent police stations and the Director of Public Prosecutions therefore ruled against any charges.

The investigation began last year after allegations by PC Ronald Walker, based at Chatham, that Kent officers had induced criminals in prison to admit offences. Detectives might feed prisoners details of offences gleaned from records, build up a confession and so bolster detection rates.

The woman, who served with the Kent force for 11 years, last night told *The Times* she had witnessed one example of the fixing of crime statistics by two colleagues and knew crime statements or reports had gone missing once the investigation started last year.

At the time she was still a serving police officer and she said she did not come forward because she feared she would be ostracized by colleagues and that her job prospects would suffer.

She now works in the social services.

The incident she witnessed involved two detectives visiting a prisoner with a catalogue of reported crimes. They returned with admissions for about 60 offences and then found the prisoner had been serving another sentence at the time.

She said that made no difference. "They carried on cooking the books because they thought no one would check on them."

She said senior officers encouraged the practice. They had to sanction prison visits and she believed officers at the rank of chief inspector and possibly above were aware of what was going on.

She said the inquiry should not have been publicly announced because officers had time "to cover their tracks".

The woman came forward after hearing local radio bulletins yesterday as the complaints authority was, in effect, announcing the inquiry's end. She made a recording with BBC Radio Kent confirming Mr Walker's claims.

A number of serving police officers from Kent also made contact anonymously. The authority said there could be no offer of immunity but statements from policemen would be examined sympathetically.

Last night Mr Walker said he was "very pleased" that the policewoman had come forward. He said he was not surprised that possible evidence had disappeared and had been told by a colleague that some papers had been shredded.

Council asks 50,000 to share jobs and pay

By Craig Seton

Fifty thousand people employed by Labour-controlled Birmingham City Council are being asked if they will share their jobs and pay to cut unemployment.

The scheme would involve council staff giving up half their job and pay and advertising the "vacancies" on a job share register.

The council is the largest employer in the city, where about 17 per cent of the workforce is unemployed.

But the scheme has received a frosty reception from craft trade unions which fear that it will introduce low paid, part-time jobs. The plans are being delayed while talks continue with union officials.

The Conservative opposition has dismissed the idea as insignificant because it would create only a handful of new vacancies.

The scheme was proposed by the personnel committee, whose Labour members said that half a job was better than none.

Mr Malcolm Shepherd, the assistant personnel officer, said yesterday: "The council already has a limited job sharing scheme but we want to increase the take-up.

"Our starting point is that all jobs will be open to job sharing, although chief officers can exempt some jobs which they think cannot be satisfactorily shared."

Mr Shepherd said the scheme would not involve any extra expenditure. It would be particularly helpful, for women, including those returning from maternity leave or raising families who wanted to continue but could not manage a full week's work.

● Conservative-controlled Merton Borough Council is to spend £100,000 to improve a vandalized housing estate, with orders for the work to be completed two days before a crucial by-election, on March 19.

Vandalism has been a long-term problem on the Pollards Hill estate, a vast complex of council-built properties.

The urgency of the work, which includes: fitting entryphones to flats, clearing litter and abandoned cars, removing graffiti and replacing fencing and broken paving slabs, is emphasized in internal council memoranda, but there is no suggestion of political interference.

The legality of the move is being questioned by the Labour Party, but senior officials of south London council said yesterday that it was within the law.

The marginal seat on Pollards Hill ward fell vacant after the death of a sitting Conservative councillor who held it by 29 votes. The Conservatives depend on keeping the seat to retain control of the council, which it holds with the mayor's casting vote.

Conservatives defend the spending as responding to genuine grievances from the public.

Mr Harry Cowd, leader of the council, said he had instructed chairmen of committees to spend any surplus money on priorities before the end of the financial year.

● "Hostile" London councils that attempt to block government job creation schemes were criticized yesterday by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General.

He told more than 100 local employers, community workers and task force members in North Peckham that such councils were denying the chance of work to residents.

Mr Clarke was speaking at South London Polytechnic after launching a scheme offering 20 weeks' training and work experience to 100 local long-term unemployed.

● In Manchester, left-wing Labour councillors announced yesterday that their new £10,000-a-year immigration officer will be a Sri Lankan, Veraj Mendis, who sought sanctuary in a Manchester church 74 days ago to avoid deportation.

The city council, which refused to say how many applicants they had for the job, said: "No one else fitted the bill as well as he did".

Mr Mendis, aged 30, came to Britain as a university student but his visa ran out 13 years ago.

The city council, which offers grants to illegal immigrants to fight deportation, is to ask the Home Office to give Mr Mendis a work permit.



Nigel Short, from Manchester, on his way to an historic victory in Iceland at the age of 21.

Greatest chess win for Short

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Nigel Short, the chess star from Manchester, has scored the greatest individual triumph in the history of British chess at the age of 21.

By drawing his last round game in the IBM All-Grandmaster Tournament in Iceland against Simen Agdestein of Norway, he has clinched the first prize of $10,000.

Observers were amazed by Short's dazzling performance. One experienced grandmaster, Gudmundur Sigurjonsson, likened his play to that of the legendary American, Bobby Fischer.

Short dominated the tournament which ranked category 14 on the World Chess Federation scale.

In Linares, Spain, the fourth game of the Karpov v Sokolov world title eliminator has been agreed drawn without resumption. The score is now Karpov 2½; Sokolov 1½ awith 10 games still to be played.

Karpov White; Sokolov Black

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IBM All-Grandmaster Tournament

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2	Tal (USSR)	½	x	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	7
3	Timman (Holland)	0	½	x	0	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	1	7
4	Korchnoi (Switzerland)	0	0	1	x	1	1	0	1	1	0	½	1	6½
5	Portisch (Hungary)	½	½	0	0	x	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	6½
6	Polugaievsky (USSR)	½	½	½	0	½	x	½	½	½	1	½	1	6
7	Arnason (Iceland)	0	½	0	1	½	½	x	0	½	½	1	1	5½
8	Agdestein (Norway)	½	½	0	0	0	½	1	x	1	½	½	1	5½
9	H Olafsson (Iceland)	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	x	½	½	½	4
10	Hjartarson (Iceland)	1	0	½	1	0	0	½	½	½	x	0	0	4
11	Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia)	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	1	x	½	4
12	Petursson (Iceland)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	½	½	x	2

Every player met each of the other 11. One point was awarded for a win, ½ for a draw; 0 signifies a defeat.

Duke in warning on panda

By John Young

The giant panda could become extinct within the next twenty to thirty years unless an effective conservation policy is established, the Duke of Edinburgh said yesterday.

The Duke, as President of the World Wildlife Fund, was speaking at an international press conference in London.

He launched a £1 million appeal aimed at instigating a joint campaign with the Chinese to protect the panda.

One of the world's rarest species, it is also one of the most publicized because of its apparent reluctance to reproduce itself.

Its only remaining natural habitat is in a remote area of China, which the Duke visited during last year's state visit.

The fund says the panda population has fallen from around 1,100 to between 800 and 1,000 in the past 10 years.

The main threat to its survival is not only the flowering and subsequent death of the bamboo, its principal food — last year 67 pandas were found dead in the wild, mostly from starvation — but human incursion and the destruction of its habitat.

The Duke said he had no doubt that China had the will to tackle the problem — if there was a shortcoming it was an organizational one.

Miners to accept new practices

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Miners in South Wales will be asked by their union to accept a six-day working week at the proposed Margam coking coal mine when delegates from the coalfield meet at Porthcawl on Saturday.

The decision by the National Union of Mineworkers area executive council to agree to the demand by British Coal for new working practices is opposed by Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, who yesterday described the proposals as a blackmail tactic

British Coal is prepared to invest £80 million at Margam to produce 1.2 million tonnes of coking coal a year for the nearby Port Talbot steel works which is now importing supplies. The mine would generate 780 permanent jobs and a further 500 during the four years of construction.

The company said the money would be borrowed at 11.5 per cent interest and the only way of generating the 12.2 per cent return that would make it worthwhile would be by introducing six-day working.

● British miners achieved a productivity record last week when they averaged 3.68 tonnes per man shift.

Businessmen accuse police of conspiracy

By Peter Davenport

A group of businessmen cleared of kidnapping charges said yesterday they were considering bringing legal action for conspiracy and malicious prosecution against senior Manchester police officers.

One of the men involved, Mr Brian Buckley, a business consultant, was named in the report into the Stalker affair.

Mr Buckley was a consultant to the double-glazing firm Stormseal UPVC Windows, based in Bury. The other four men are all officers of the company, and include its chairman and managing director, Mr Mark Sweeney.

All five appeared before Bury magistrates on Tuesday accused of kidnapping a business rival. All were discharged with their costs paid when the prosecution offered no evidence.

Yesterday a solicitor for the men, Mr David Middleweek, said his clients took an employee of another company to their offices for questioning about missing Stormseal equipment and papers.

Four days later, he said, armed police raided their homes and the company.

Yesterday Mr Buckley announced he had resigned to protect the company's name.

Zircon screening up to the BBC, says Hurd

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday that it was up to the BBC to decide whether to show the film about the Zircon spy satellite which was withdrawn because of fears that it might damage national security.

Now that the Government's injunction against the film's presenter, Mr Duncan Campbell, had been lifted, a decision to show the film "is obviously a matter for the BBC," he said.

Mr Hurd's relaxed approach at a conference on the future of broadcasting, organized by the National Union of Journalists appeared to indicate that the Government has given up trying to suppress the film's disclosure of a secret project to build an electronic intelligence system using an orbital listening post.

The film has been shown widely at unauthorized screenings, and its substance has been published in *The New Statesman*.

The new BBC Director-General, Mr Michael Checkland, said over the weekend that he was still considering the film.

After delivering a *tour d'horizon* of the opportunities presented by new technologies, the Home Secretary was subjected to hostile questions. Many concerned the Green Paper on radio, published last week, which envisaged a great expansion of local and national radio services, with minimal regulation.

Tamils could cost airline £348,000

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Bangladesh Biman, the airline which brought in the 58 Tamils now in detention centres and hotels around Britain, could be handed a bill of up to £348,000 for their accommodation.

The cost of keeping an illegal immigrant in a detention centre is around £100 a night — twice that for using a hotel. The charges are levied for a maximum of two months against the airline which brought in the immigrant. If the 58 Tamils are found to have entered the country on forged papers and are shown not to be genuine refugees, then the Bangladeshi airline would probably have to pick up the bill. Those Tamils being deported would have to be flown out at the airline's expense.

A spokesman for Bangladesh Biman said yesterday: "As yet, we have no idea how much we will be charged. We are just stuck in the middle of all this, but whatever happens we are definitely going to pay if we are asked."

Airlines are now regularly charged for maintaining illegal immigrants in detention centres. In the current financial year, 13,489 detainees have been held at airports and airlines have been sent bills for more than £2 million for their accommodation.

Each month, British Airways is understood to fly into Britain around 30 people who lack proper documentation. British Caledonian said illegal immigrants cost it about £250,000 a year.

The airlines are generally supportive of the Government's attempts to halt illegal immigration but they are concerned that their check-in staff may not have the time or the ability to notice well-forged documents. "These new penalties will undoubtedly lead to delays at airports", the International Air Travel Association said.

The IATA member-airlines hold regular meetings to discuss ways of combatting what is rapidly becoming a big international problem.

The expense of keeping illegal immigrants in detention centres in Canada cost international airlines more than £2.5 million last year.

Although the new £1,000 penalty for bringing an illegal immigrant into Britain became effective at midnight last night, it is not expected to prove a big problem for the airlines. They will be able to escape the penalty if they can show that any forgery was "not reasonably apparent".

BBC to propose joint ventures

By Our Media Correspondent

The BBC is preparing to make major proposals to independent producers which could see it partially adopt the system pioneered by Channel 4 of commissioning programmes from outsiders.

Mr Michael Checkland, Director-General of the BBC, presented the corporation's preliminary ideas yesterday to Mr David Mellor, the Home Office Minister of State with responsibility for broadcasting.

He was accompanied by Mr Marmaduke Hussey and Lord Barnett, chairman and vice-chairman of the board of governors.

The BBC's plan goes beyond a simple financial proposal, and envisages the development of a more comprehensive relationship with independents to include broad co-operation in a number of areas of production and distribution.

In financial terms the BBC proposal appears to fall short of the Government's target for 25 per cent of BBC and ITV programmes to be purchased from independents. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, reaffirmed the goal yesterday at a conference on the future of broadcasting organized by the National Union of Journalists.

BBC sources say the plan would represent a major step towards the Home Office target, while creating the basis for an entirely new relationship with the independent sector.

According to the sources, the BBC's proposal would quickly increase the value of commissioned programmes from about £1.5 million a year to something approaching £20 million.

The move would be consistent with Mr Checkland's goal of trimming BBC costs. It is generally believed that independents are capable of making programmes at a lower cost than either the BBC or the commercial stations.

But the BBC is insisting that along with providing finance to the independents, it wants to provide them with services, including marketing, technical and creative help. The BBC believes its plan will satisfy both the Government and the independents.

● Mr Hurd said yesterday that the Government continues to oppose an amendment to the 1986 Broadcasting Bill calling for a substantial proportion of ITV's output to be supplied by independents.

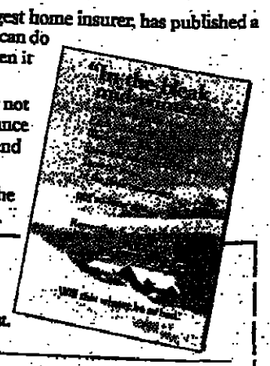
The amendment was added in the committee stage of the Bill on Tuesday and passed with all-party support.

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New heart disease project could save 60,000 lives a year

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Up to 60,000 lives a year could eventually be saved with the help of a new project aimed at preventing premature deaths from heart disease, experts said yesterday.

Family doctors, nurses and health visitors are being urged to encourage their patients to make potentially life-saving changes in an initiative launched by the Health Education Council and the Open University.

Britons are among those most at risk from heart disease throughout the world, with about 160,000 people dying prematurely in England and Wales annually from such conditions.

But up to 40 per cent of those deaths could be avoided if doctors and other members of primary health care teams improved screening systems to detect coronary cases, and did more to change dangerous aspects of patients' lifestyles, Professor Geoffrey Rose said.

The council has funded a "study pack" on heart disease prevention which the Open University is offering to health workers. The pack contains latest scientific evidence and information on risk factors such as smoking, eating, and exercise.

"Doctors have not been equipped, when they were at medical school, with either the knowledge or the skills to practise prevention", Professor Rose, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said.

"We know how to make substantial reductions in heart disease, but that knowledge is not being acted upon. It is unfortunately still true that doctors are trained to care for the sick, but receive quite inadequate training in prevention.

"The central responsibility for health education lies with general practitioners and this pack will help them to fulfil that role."

The packs contain written and recorded material. They cost £35 for individuals and £95 for group study packs. Leaflets giving details are available from the Department of Health and Social Welfare, Centre for Continuing Education, the Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA.

Liver cancer risk identified

A possible new health risk is revealed in a study into deaths and cancers near nuclear power stations.

A report by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys has revealed unexpectedly high incidences of liver cancer near four power stations, Hinkley Point in Somerset; Bradwell, Essex; Dungeness, Kent; and Wylfa, Anglesey.

Within 10 miles of Hinkley Point, researchers found liver cancer deaths in the 25-74 age group were almost twice the expected level, at 90.3 per cent above the predicted figure.

The report will recommend further investigation of the figures when it is published at the end of this month.

● Lung cancer victims who have worked in tin mines or some chemical industries are to qualify for benefit payments, the Government announced last night.

Mr John Major, the Minister for Social Security, announced the addition to the prescribed industrial disease list after a recommendation by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council.

He said benefit would be paid to those who suffered from lung cancer who had worked underground in tin mines or who had been exposed to bis (chloromethyl) ether produced during the manufacture of cholor-omethyl methyl ether.

Workers exposed to zinc chromate, calcium chromate or strontium chromate will also qualify for benefit payments.

A DHSS spokesman said only two plants in Britain made the chemicals involved, but refused to say where they were sited.

The average benefit payment will be about £5,000 to approximately 20 people a year, officials say.



Christian Indmoore and James Mealing, students at the Chelsea School of Art, are ignored by pigeons as they pose as statues in Trafalgar Square. They were making a video film, set to music by Vivaldi, about everyday objects in unusual places. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

MP killed in crash did not use seat belt

Mr David Penhaligon, the Liberal MP, was not wearing a seat belt when he died in a road accident, an inquest was told yesterday.

The MP for Truro was killed three days before Christmas when his Rover car was hit by a delivery van which skidded on black ice.

A former village postmaster, he was on his way to pay an early morning visit to postal workers coping with Christmas mail.

Mr Alastair Lean, a part-time fireman, told the inquest at Truro that he saw the MP, slumped in his seat, the lower part of his body in the footspace of the car.

"The driver's door was jammed and, when freed, the upper part of the body fell out sideways into my arms. I don't believe that he had been wearing a seat belt.

"Nobody could have released the belt prior to ourselves because they could not have entered the vehicle."

Dr Robert Marshall, a pathologist, said Mr Penhaligon, aged 42, died of massive damage to his liver and spleen and had suffered typical steering wheel injuries.

During the doctor's evidence Mr Penhaligon's brother John fainted. He tried to leave the council chamber but slumped to the floor.

Earlier, PC Rodney Grigg had said the road was "extremely slippery" with black ice. The van slid across the carriageway while on a left-hand bend and hit the MP's car on the main Truro to St Austell Road at Tresillian in Cornwall. A double-deck coach crashed into the vehicles and the van was wrecked by fire.

The van driver, Mr Tony Barry, aged 39, of Boscoppa, St Austell, was seriously hurt.

Parties contesting the Truro by-election next week stopped campaigning in the city yesterday during the inquest which continues today.

Singer's 'voracious appetite' for the law

Dorothy Squires, the singer, has developed a "voracious appetite for litigation", a High Court judge in London was told yesterday.

As a result the Attorney-General, who has been named in one of her High Court writs, is taking legal action to stop her by having her declared a "vexatious litigant." This would mean that she could not issue any further court proceedings without High Court consent.

Mr Robert Griffiths, for the Attorney-General, told Mr Justice Mann that Miss Squires starting going to law in 1971.

Since then she had launched at least 21 separate High Court actions, 20 of them since 1982. Nine had so far been struck out because they did not disclose any reasonable cause of action or were vexatious or frivolous, he said.

Miss Squires is opposing the Attorney-General's application herself. The hearing continues today.

Sex clue in double killing

Two spinster sisters aged 92 and 81 were sexually assaulted before they were murdered at Shaw, near Oldham, four days ago, the police said yesterday.

A team of 100 officers is investigating the killing of Miss Susan Egerton and her younger sister, Florence, whose battered bodies were found at their home on Sunday. A local businessman has offered a reward.

Moors victims hunt resumes

Det Chief Supt Peter Topping has temporarily relinquished command of Greater Manchester's detective force to resume his search for the bodies of Pauline Reade, aged 16, and Keith Bennett, aged 12, on Saddleworth Moor, Lancashire. He believes they were buried there 22 years ago.

Mr Topping has been making preliminary checks of locations pinpointed by Myra Hindley as possible burial sites.

Man cleared

A man who denied kicking a car near News International's plant at Wapping, east London, was yesterday cleared at Thames Magistrates' Court. Mr Kenneth Johns, aged 23, of Rougement Avenue, Malden, Surrey, had been accused of threatening behaviour at a demonstration last August.

Batting on

A proposal to sell the world's second oldest cricket bat, made in 1745 and valued at £18,000, has been overwhelmingly voted out by a meeting of the Sevenoaks Vine club in Kent.

Olivier on air

Lord Olivier will make his first appearance on BBC radio for more than 30 years when he performs a monologue on Radio Three on May 22, the day of his 80th birthday.

Tourism fillip as vistiors return

A big recovery in overseas tourism to Britain was recorded in 1986.

The economic fillip was achieved in a year of terrorist threats, fears of nuclear fallout after Chernobyl, and a drop in the European value of the dollar.

Visitors spent £5,457 million, a total which matched the record figures of 1985.

However, the number of visitors, 13.8 million, showed a decline of 4.5 per cent on the previous year's record, but an increase on 1984.

Statistics released yesterday by the British Tourist Authority reveal that Americans, discouraged by adverse publicity last summer, had returned to Britain in large numbers by December.

Mr Duncan Bluck, chairman of the authority, said: "In the worst months of the year, shortly after Chernobyl, American visitor numbers to Britain were down by 48 per cent on the same month the previous year".

By December 1986, however, they had recovered to the 1985 peak, and exceeded the previous December by 10 per cent.

Visitors spent £355 million, and the number of tourists was 830,000, 2 per cent up on December 1985.

The total visitor spending figure for 1986 was £5,457 million, compared with £5,451 million the year before.

Mr Bluck praised the efforts of Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr RonaldReagan, the US President, in persuading Americans that Britain was a safe holiday destination.

He said the success could be traced to two main factors. One was the rapid influx of tourists after the summer, the other that US tourists accounted for only a quarter of all overseas visitors to Britain.

He said Britain had fared better overall than other European countries and predicted a record year for 1987, with up to 50,000 new jobs being created in the industry.

● A proposal to spend £27 million over the next five years to improve tourist facilities in Belfast was outlined yesterday as part of a strategy to encourage people to visit the city.

A development study proposes six big projects including a waterside complex on the Riven Lagan, the development of tourist facilities at Carrickfergus and the costal town of Bangor, and improvements to the zoo and the folk and transport museum.

About 600 jobs would be created if the study was implemented with the aid of funds from the EEC.

Computer to tackle Aids virus

By Robert Matthews

Britain's world-beating Transputer, the "computer on a chip", is to be used to develop drugs to combat Aids.

Two Oxford-based companies, Chemical Design and British Bio-technology, are collaborating to exploit the enormous computing power of an array of Transputers to design drugs.

Ordinary computers are incapable of dealing with the complexity of a virus, according to Helen Gasking, of Chemical Design, which is building a 36-Transputer system for the project.

The Transputer chip, which was developed by Inmos, the Bristol-based semiconductor company, can be incorporated into existing computers to boost their performance.

Transputers, each capable of carrying out about ten million operations a second, can also be made to work on many different problems simultaneously.

Chemical Design aims to hand over the first Transputer array to British Bio-technology in May. The company will then begin the search.

Dr Keith McCullagh, British Bio-technology's chief executive, says that his company is taking two approaches with the Aids virus.

The first is to find chemicals that can alter the internal mechanism of the virus which enables it to make copies of itself and overwhelm its human host's immune system.

The other is the development of chemicals which prevent the virus from attacking cells in the immune system.

Both call for detailed three-dimensional models of both the Aids virus and the drugs under test to be built up. The models are then used to find molecular shapes that can lock on to the virus.

According to Miss Gasking, billions of calculations have to be carried out to find out whether a particular drug can perform in the way required, a task that even a year ago would have put the search for an anti-Aids treatment beyond the capabilities of all but a handful of organizations.

● Most senior schoolchildren and students understand the current "safe sex" advice on Aids, according to a survey published today (Our Science Correspondent writes).

Results showed 70 per cent of those aged over 16 believed promiscuity was physically dangerous, 90 per cent realized the dangers of contaminated needles, and 92 per cent understood the role of condoms in preventing infection.

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VW looks at tyres that run flat out

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

A new car tyre capable of running deflated for several hundred miles should be available in three years' time.

Dr Wolfgang Linke, director of development for Volkswagen, forecasts that the run-flat tyre, which is mounted on a special wheel and has balloon-shaped sidewalls, could be sold as an option for customers by 1990.

The ability to withstand a much greater distance deflated than Dunlop's ill-fated Denovo run-flat tyre has raised the expectation of cars of the 1990s being sold without a spare wheel.

Dr Linke said at the Geneva Motor Show that VW was unlikely to consider such an adventurous move initially and so would offer the run-flat tyre, developed by Continental Tyres, as the spare wheel, or a narrow space-saver tyre which is already popular on the Continent.

● Ford and Vauxhall plan to make 85,000 more cars this year than in 1986 and will spend several hundred million pounds extra this year on British parts.

Mr Bill Hayden, vice-president of manufacturing for Ford of Europe, said productivity has improved markedly in British car factories. "The workforce in Britain has been cut by 40 per cent since 1980 but in 1986 we made more cars than for five years."

The strengthening of the German mark had helped Britain to become more cost competitive.

● Vauxhall's planned 25 per cent reduction in manufacturing costs over the next three years will still leave it trailing the Nissan plant in Sunderland, Mr John Bagshaw, chairman of Vauxhall, said. Currently Nissan is producing cars in Britain for up to £300 less than rivals.

Capping urged in damages awards

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

An inquiry into a limit on the amount of damages that can be awarded in cases of professional negligence is being considered by the Government.

The legal profession, in particular, has expressed worries about the possibility of damages running into millions being imposed.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has told the president of the Law Society the subject is still being considered.

The president of the society, Mr John Wickerson, recently wrote to the Secretary of State pressing him to reconsider an inquiry because all the professions are having problems insuring themselves against huge negligence claims.

He said that firms of solicitors will be unable to meet liabilities.

The amount of professional indemnity insurance available in the market is limited, he said.

Even if the market improved, there would still be cases "where insurance was just not available for the full amount of the firm's potential liabilities".

The professions have been affected by a world-wide contraction in the insurance market for indemnity cover because of the huge increase in both the number and size of claims.

The Government rejected a call for an inquiry made by the Institute of Chartered Accountants and backed by the Law Society last summer.

But Mr Wickerson said he does not agree. Although the Government says the professions face such different problems that there cannot be a common solution, they all faced the problem of obtaining adequate cover, he said.

Danger in hailing a taxi

By Robin Young

The quality of taxis and the standard of their drivers varies greatly around Britain, according to this month's issue of *Which?* magazine.

Inspectors from the Consumers' Association found that the same journey taken at the same time of day could cost anything from £2.50 to £6.50 in London.

The cheapest ride was in a taxi hailed in the street and the most expensive in a mini cab with service that was "almost comically inept".

In other cities, price differentials were less, but standards still varied widely. Manchester's black cabs were old and scruffy, but the most comfortable vehicles were Edinburgh's "immaculate" mini-cabs.

Which? says that the Government should consider making all taxi drivers take the same test, and impose the same nationwide rules.

● Independent repairers are the quickest to deal with domestic equipment, according to a survey carried out by the association.

Palace protest remand

A man who is accused of attacking two policemen outside Kensington Palace, the London home of the Prince and Princess of Wales, said in court yesterday that he had hoped to talk to members of the Royal Household about unemployment.

Bela Mark Stifter, aged 27, hesitantly told magistrate Mr Eric Crowther at Horseferry Road Court, London:

"I went expecting resistance from the police. I hoped to get in and meet members of the Royal Household and with due respect have a talk with them about the social problems in Britain today brought about by unemployment."

Stifter was remanded for 28 days under the Mental Health Act to Fairmiles Hospital, Oxfordshire, to assess whether he is fit to plead to the charges of assault causing bodily harm and to a new charge of attempted burglary at a firearms warehouse in Hampshire, last December.

Reporting restrictions were lifted previously.

He will next appear before the magistrates on April 1.

Boy George's trial evidence 'dangerous'

The evidence of pop stars Boy George and Marilyn in a drugs conspiracy trial would be dangerous to accept without corroboration, a judge warned a jury yesterday.

Boy George had obviously been supplied with heroin, said the judge, and any accomplice to a drugs conspiracy might be wishing to shift the blame on to someone else.

Judge Morton gave his warning while summing up in the case of Steven Luben, aged 36 and Diane Feiner, aged 35, both of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, at Knightsbridge Crown Court.

The two deny a charge of conspiring to supply heroin to Boy George, real name George O'Dowd, and others between October 1, 1985 and July 9, 1986.

Feiner also denies conspiring to supply cocaine.

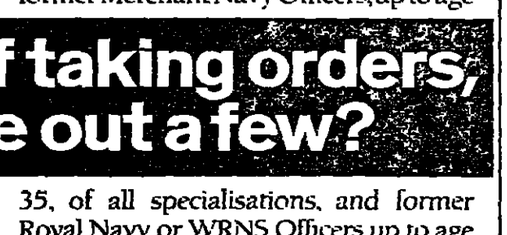
Judge Morton said the jury might look askance at evidence of accomplices such as Boy George and Marilyn.

He said: "They may wish to shift blame on to someone else.

The case continues today.

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'Dog-days ahead' warns expelled don

By David Sapsted

A scientist at Newcastle University who has been expelled by the Kennel Club after publicly accusing it of incompetence and bias, said yesterday that his expulsion would mark "the beginning of the end" for the dog world's governing body.

Dr Malcolm Willis, a senior lecturer in animal breeding and genetics, and, until Tuesday, a member of the club's breeding standards sub-committee, believes his unprecedented expulsion will lead to overwhelming demands for change from Britain's 50,000 breeders.

"I was thrown out because I broke the rule that stated a member must not criticize the club's management in the press. I regard such a rule as an infringement of civil liberties, especially in a body controlling the whole of dogdom in Britain", he said.

"There are just 650 members of the Kennel Club with a self-elected executive of 24 people. Many of them are there for their own self-advancement and don't give a damn about the dog world in general. They are simply interested in the power that membership bestows upon them."

Dr Willis, aged 52, a member of the Kennel Club for the past 15 years, criticized the organization for alleged bias against his favourite breed, the German Shepherd. He claimed that the club baulked against modernizing standards laid down for the breed.

His own work in genetics has helped to lead to more than 30,000 puppies being born without the hip displacement problem that has been an increasing feature of German Shepherds bred specifically to meet KC standards.

Dr Willis also accuses the club of harsh treatment of clubs for the breed, and of a reluctance to grant challenge certificate to shows for the breed because it has become so popular.

Until now people had been afraid to break away from the Kennel Club because of the monopoly control exerted by the organization in this country, and its ties with 39 other countries for registration purposes.

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PARLIAMENT

Government and Labour want housing action

ENVIRONMENT

The problems of the homeless occupied a considerable part of environment questions, with both sides of the House forcefully pressing their ideas for a solution.

Opposition MPs condemned the lack of an adequate building programme for council houses. Conservatives took the view that there was no point in building new council homes when so many were already standing empty.

Some called for the abolition of rent control to increase the supply of privately rented homes. Empty homes, they said, must be brought into use.

Both front benches seemed to agree the need for action in three areas over empty housing — private, local authority and central government.

The exchanges began when Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that he had no doubt about the feasibility of housebuilding in the inner cities. Private housebuilders were already building about 12,000 homes a year in these areas.

"I shall continue to support housing initiatives in inner-city areas by using public money to attract substantial amounts of private investment."

He was replying to Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L), who said that the average price of a house in Southwark was £160,000. The real need was for cheap housing for rent and affordable houses, of about £40,000, to buy.

Since prices had risen by more than 25 per cent in London in the past year, could he give an assurance, to young people especially, that there would be affordable housing for them?

Mr Ridley said that Mr Hughes was trying to involve him in a local authority problem. There were many empty council houses, many in London. In other parts of the country there were also many empty houses which local authorities, if they wished, could use to house people.

Mr Patrick McLoughlin (West Derbyshire, C) said there were many empty houses in certain areas in London. Legislation was required that would force councils to sell houses if they had been empty for six months. That would give people the opportunity to buy houses at prices they could afford.

Mr Ridley: Mr John Powley (Norwich S, C) did introduce a very sensible Bill under the 10-minute rule to that effect. I am tempted to support such a Bill if local authorities are not going to carry out their statuatory functions to house people in the capital.

Mr Nicholas Raynsford (Fulham, Lab) said that the private sector had a great deal more empty properties than the local authority public sector. The worst offenders of all were Government departments which had the highest proportion of vacant properties of any landlord in the country. What action would he take to get their house in order?

Mr Ridley: He invites me to take action on all three fronts. He never knows, I might.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C) said that in Leicester 77 properties had been empty for more than a year.

Mr Ridley: There is no point in building more council housing in areas such as Leicester when there is already a surplus (Opposition cries of "poisonous nonsense").

If we are so short of land, as we all feel in this House that we are, and we want to operate a thoroughly restrictive planning policy for the countryside, then the consequences must be that we must make all available homes able to be occupied for those who want them, whether they be in the public or private sector.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on environment, said Mr Ridley had suggested he would look to act on all three areas — local government sector, private sector and where the Government was a landlord.

If he brought proposals forward along those lines, he would get a great deal of support from the Opposition.

Growing homelessness was a social scandal and was resulting in an economic cost in 1985-86 in London alone of £26 million for bed-and-breakfast accommodation.

People in such accommodation were getting an appalling deal from the Government and the ratepayers and taxpayers were paying through the nose as well. It was a scandal and Mr Ridley ought to act on it.

Mr Ridley: I look forward to meeting him behind the Speaker's chair after questions to get his signature on it.

Mr Richard Hickmet (Glanford and Scunthorpe, C): To have a large proportion of the nation's wealth tied up in empty private housing in inner London is a waste of resources, and the amount of rented property now available has dropped from 40 per cent to 10 per cent [of the housing stock]. Unless he bites the bullet and abolishes rent control, that will continue for years to come in London and other cities.

Mr Ridley: The private rented accommodation sector has declined from six million to 1.5 million homes. We cannot afford that loss of accommodation.

I hope we shall come to have unanimity in this House so that we can tackle these problems.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) asked the total number of people on waiting lists for rented council houses of all types at the end of 1986.

Mr Ridley: Criteria for including people on waiting lists differ from council to council, but English authorities reported 1.35 million households were on their lists in April 1986.

Mr Flannery: In answer to a question from me a few weeks ago about how many houses the Government had allowed to be built, he said that from 74,000 in 1979 it had steadily dropped to 19,000 last year. We have a waiting list of 1.3 million. We have that massive queue of people and we have homelessness all over our country. It is not sufficient to say that there are plenty of empty houses. Why not allow houses to be built for employment reasons as well as to give people a home?

Mr Ridley: The waiting list is a notoriously bad measure. Many of the people on it just want a transfer; some people are on more than one list and some people are asking for council housing as an insurance in case their other housing plans fall through. There are 8,750 empty houses in Sheffield and 5,500 are in the private sector and the rest in the public sector. It makes no sense to have a massive building programme when there are 8,750 empty houses in his own city.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C): The waiting lists would be reduced if accommodation was in slightly better condition. What response has he had to the generous offer of extra funds from his department to bring back into use some of the greatest estates in inner London?

Mr Ridley: Estate Action has greatly increased resources, by £75 million next year. I bitterly regret that Brent and Ealing councils have refused assistance from these resources for the homeless. I hope that all local authorities, including those in London, will avail themselves of that help.

Mr William O'Brien (Normanton, Lab): Will the minister investigate the scandalous situation developing in the Rothwell area of Leeds where the coal board has an estate which has had houses empty for five years. They are defective, but the coal board has refused to sell them to tenants and has instead sold them to a private operator who is now asking five times the old rent but providing no structural support, although the houses are defective.

Mr Ridley: I am always happy to investigate any problem brought to my attention, but he will not expect me to know about it before I have a chance to study it. We have written to MPs who have raised the problem and explained the position, and I think that has satisfied them.

Mr Michael Fallon (Darlington, C): Labour councils in the North-east have 10,000 empty houses ready for occupation today, and have had for five years. Will the minister do something more radical and bring forward legislation to allow them to "homestead".

Mr Ridley: He is right. It is perfectly possible for local authorities in housing stress areas to arrange to take some houses ready and available but empty in other parts of the country, and to arrange for them to house those who they cannot house themselves. If decent authorities do not get together and house them, more drastic action will have to be taken, I agree.

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition environment spokesman, said that the number of houses built to rent last year had been the lowest for 62 years. The housing investment programme, net of capital receipts, was the lowest in real terms since Hip (Housing Investment Programme) was invented and, even in the past three years, the number of repair and improvement grants which would bring some private homes back into use, had dropped by 100,000.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C): If we could bring into use most of the 113,000 empty council houses and flats, it would make a dramatic impact on council house waiting lists. If we could bring into use those properties in the private sector which are under-used and unused and available for letting, but where the landlord or potential landlord is unwilling to rent because of the Rent Act, we would be able to solve the problem.

Mr Ridley: While agreeing, I would add that the Audit Commission estimates that with streamlined letting procedures, a further 20,000 local authority dwellings could be made available in London and that would make another massive increase in the stock available.

It is inefficiency in letting procedures which is another reason for the housing shortage in London. We must tackle the misuse of existing stock before going for the expensive idea of building new houses.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) said during later questions that the problem had been compounded by "encouraging young people to become like Dick Whittington, to leave the great northern cities and travel to London where they find the streets are not paved with jobs and end up living in Cardboard City in undignified conditions."

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, said the Government had funded a programme by Birmingham University into the cause of homelessness and that would help to shed some light on the problem. There was no need for anyone to be homeless in Mr Alton's constituency because there were 8,000 empty properties in Liverpool.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said the best way to solve the homelessness problem was not to provide more hostel accommodation but to amend the rent legislation to bring on to the market all private rented units available but which private landlords could not afford to put on the market, and also the public accommodation in local authority ownership. This could be rehabilitated.

Mr Patten said there was food for thought in that.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that 40-bedroom hotels that had been changing hands in London for £750,000 three years ago were now changing hands for several million pounds so the owners could clean up at the behest of taxpayers and ratepayers and so that the premises could be used for bed-and-breakfast accommodation. It was a scandal that could not be ignored.

Mr Patten said it was precisely because of that that the Secretary of State had made available to the Housing Corporation enough money to bring in £50 million to £70 million investment in hostel accommodation that would make bed-and-breakfast accommodation unnecessary.



Dr John Cunningham: Growing homelessness is a costly social scandal.

Cost of bringing in cash 'high'

LOCAL TAX

It was likely that the cost of collecting the proposed new community charge would be double that of collecting the rates that it would replace, Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Local Government, told the Commons during questions. But he maintained that much greater care would be taken by local authorities in their spending plans. The community charge would be one of the best bargains in the country.

Some Conservative backbenchers expressed reservations about the proposed new charge. Mr Jack Straw, an Opposition spokesman on the environment: We are grateful to him for his admission for the first time that the cost of collecting this bureaucratic poll tax will be double that of collecting the rates, long term.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy had estimated that in the interim the collection cost would be four times the cost of rates.

The Government's own consultative document on the poll tax said there would be Orwellian checks on residents before they could use the service.

Mr Straw claimed that Mr Boyson had also tried to mislead the House about the burden of rates on one-parent families and old age pensioners. These people did not pay anything towards rates. But they would pay a lot if a poll tax came in.

Mr Boyson denied that he had tried to mislead the House.

The community charge was to ensure that those voting to spend on services paid something towards them.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C) said that domestic rates were a fair way of funding genuine local services if other items of expenditure such as education were taken out and funded by central taxation. Caution should be exercised before introducing a community charge with its rebates, exemptions and collection difficulties.

Mr Robin Squire (Horncburch, C) said that it had been suggested in reputable assessments that the nature of the charge was such that many people who might be assessed would avoid payment, particularly in inner-city areas where people might stay only for two or three months.

Mr Rhodes Boyson: Most people do not move every month. It is a monthly charge.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, completion of remaining stages.

Lords (3): Local Government Finance Bill, report. Pilotage Bill, third reading.

Policy on green belt to stay

Government ministers had made it crystal clear that there would be no change in the Government's green-belt policy, whereas the Labour Party was clearly proposing some encroachment into the green belt, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Planning, said during questions.

He pointed out that the *Daily Telegraph* report of a speech by Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, to a London conference was headlined "Labour will build in green belt". Mr Rooker, who was sitting on the Opposition front bench, called out: Who wrote the headline?

Mr Waldegrave said that the draft circular on planning and agricultural land, which had been welcomed by the Countryside Commission and the Nature Conservancy Council, emphasized that the needs of the environment must be balanced against the economic needs of small rural towns and villages and that automatic and overriding privileges should no longer be given to agricultural production.

Beith seeks an answer

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) undertook to look into the practice of the Editor of *Hansard* (The Official Report) of giving priority to the printing of certain written answers.

He had been told by Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed) that, because of the backlog of written answers, some were delayed for a couple of days before they appeared. Others, however, seemed to leapfrog and appeared out of sequence. He had spoken to the editor about that and he had said that he gave priority to policy statements and topical questions.

Mr Beith wanted an assurance that ministers could not get answers on which they wanted to get publicity published quickly while burying embarrassing answers two or three days later. He sought guidance on the rules.

Disability Bill introduced

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) was given leave to bring in the Disabled Persons' Rights Bill, which aims to outlaw discrimination against disabled people on the ground of their disability.

He said that the Bill would apply to all aspects of life, including employment, education, housing, recreation, insurance, transport and membership of associations. It would be reinforced by a commission, which would be able to tackle some of the problems on behalf of the disabled.

Tourist cash

The Government grant to the British Tourist Authority for the next financial year will be £21.4 million, Mr David Trippier, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said in a Commons written reply. The grant for the English Tourist Board would be £11.3 million. In addition, £12 million would be made available to the English board for assistance to tourism projects under the Development of Tourism Act, 1969.

Job problems

Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State, Treasury, is considering proposals to deal with the difficult circumstances of recruitment to and retention in the Civil Service in London and the South-east, and other particular areas. He will discuss his proposals, he said in a written reply, with Civil Service unions in due course.

Minister crassly insensitive on homelessness, MPs told

An assertion that people sleeping rough in London would be better off moving to a place where there might be a home for them set off angry exchanges during question time in the Commons.

An Opposition spokesman described the Government's attitude as crass and insensitive.

The Government countered that if Labour-controlled local authorities managed their housing and budgets efficiently, the homelessness problem would be solved.

Mr Terry Patchett (Barnsley East, Lab) said that the answer was to give local authorities money for homes. Instead, Government policies were exacerbating the problem.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said there was plenty of local authority housing that could perfectly well be used for people who were accepted as homeless but not found accommodation straightaway. But it was not being managed efficiently.

The Government had provided extra resources for the Housing Corporation to try to help in stress areas.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) said that many single people could not afford to buy or rent in the private sector in London. They had to sleep rough.

A whole generation of single people were being left out of the market, with no prospects.

Mr Ridley said that most such people would be eligible for housing benefit, so the question of rent did not arise.

There were three-quarters of a million more homes than there were people to fill them (Opposition shouts of: "Not in London").

Mr Ridley: They could go somewhere with a home, rather than sleep on the pavement (Labour protests).

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on environmental matters, described Mr Ridley's remarks as crass and insensitive.

He referred to a remark that has in the past been attributed to Mr Norman Tebbit that people should get on their bikes to look for work. Should they follow that advice or Mr Ridley's and go looking for somewhere to live?

"Is this Government so incompetent that it cannot give people a decent home and an opportunity of a job?"

Mr Ridley said that it was crass and incompetent of Dr Cunningham not to realize that it was better for people to find a home where there was one than to sleep on the pavement when they did not have to.

Scots poll tax should be tried out first, Opposition tells Secretary of State

SCOTLAND

The proposed poll tax for Scotland should be tried out in one experimental area before being imposed on the whole country, Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said when moving an Opposition new clause to that effect at the start of the report stage of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill in the Commons.

The new clause also proposed the establishment of an independent monitoring commission to assess the impact of the experimental scheme.

Mr Dewar said that he was not normally in favour of the legislative equivalent of sale by sample, but the poll-tax scheme was so radical and fundamental that he thought that that approach would be appropriate on this occasion.

The proposals had been attacked root and branch by almost all those bodies with experience in the field and there was a question mark about the practicality of the scheme. Many believed it would not work and would only bring chaos and confusion.

The people of Scotland who would have to pay the new poll tax had a right to know exactly how it was going to work.

All they had been presented with so far was a series of slogans and assertions. There was no very great knowledge of how the practical difficulties were going to be overcome.

The Government should recognize the essential weakness of support for the Conservative Party in Scotland and it should welcome any machinery, such as the experimental scheme being proposed, that would allow a pause to consider, test and, if necessary, modify the Bill in the light of public opinion in Scotland.

A test run would help people to assess the fairness or unfairness of the scheme.

Numerous practical matters could also be ironed out if there was a dry run. They would be able to have some experience of organizing the register. Keeping track of people who moved from house to house was going to be something of a nightmare.

Almost everyone in local government was suspicious of the cost of the scheme, between £17 million and £22 million in a full year of operation, and of the £9 million it was going to cost to compile the register.

They would give the unfortunate people who had to operate the scheme every chance to get the right officers in and not to stampede them into a situation of chaos and confusion.

The new clause tried to mitigate and avoid the disaster that would certainly come.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said that all the indications suggested that the majority of opinion in Scotland was hostile to the system of domestic rates.

There had been numerous polls in Scotland indicating that the majority of opinion believed the system of domestic rates was unfair and that there ought to be an alternative.

The Government proposal would lead to a big shift in favour of widows and single parents.

There was a basic iniquity in the present system whereby 20 per cent of the population of Scotland made not one penny of contribution towards revenue raised by local charge.

Government defeat on fire safety Bill

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government suffered its first defeat of the session in House of Lords when Labour peers pushed through an amendment to the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill requiring fire officers to inspect all sports grounds at least once a year.

The House of Lords approved on Tuesday by a majority of five votes the amendment which complies with the recommendation in Mr Justice Popplewell's report after the Valley Parade football ground disaster in Bradford in May 1985 in which 56 people died.

The Government had twice resisted this amendment, winning by two votes during the committee stage but losing in the later report stage by 64 votes to 59.

Lord Beaverbrook, for the Government, argued that all international and main sports grounds would be inspected annually, but it would put an unfair burden on local authorities' resources to legislate for annual inspections of the smaller grounds.

Lord Mishcon, Labour's home affairs spokesman and former chairman of London Fire Brigade, said the brigade's fire prevention branch had told him it could easily carry out annual inspections of all grounds.

"They also point out to me that 'unfortunately risk from fire is often greater at smaller premises than larger ones where the amount of time and resources shown by owners to ensure safe situations is not as much as that in the larger premises'. They go on to tell me how necessary it is that all fire authorities see that annual inspections take place".

After an appeal by Lord Mishcon, the Government has also put a new clause into the Bill giving fire officers the right to close immediately any offices, shops and factories they consider to be a severe fire risk.

At present, fire authorities have to go to magistrates' courts to get an order to close unsafe premises. But Lord Mishcon complained that that allowed them to carry on being used for days or even weeks.

Under the new clause, the owners will have 21 days to appeal against the order. If they disobey the magistrates' order they will face heavy fines and up to two years' imprisonment.

The lobbyists' guide

A message of fear for restaurateurs

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Parliament has never before been lobbied as it is today.

Mass demonstrations such as Tuesday's for pensioners have become a commonplace.

MPs' postbags groan with the weight of unsolicited mail from every tuppenny ha'penny little public relations outfit. Ministers are whisked off in limousines to private boxes at Ascot to hobnob with the directors who hope to slip in a word of two of special pleading on the way from the parade ring to the Tote. More than 100 MPs are on company payrolls as consultants.

But the effort and expense that go into lobbying are largely misdirected and misspent, as Mr Charles Miller, chief executive of Public Policy Consultants Ltd, confirms in a new book that would send shudders of fear through the ranks of West End restaurant managers were it to have the circulation it deserves.

Lesson one from Mr Miller is that it is no use just relying on contacts with a friendly MP or two. Every pound spent on research, he says, is probably worth ten spent on lobbying. "Those who understand the corridors *always* do better than those who rely on friends in high places.

"Working with Government is no longer a matter of a few words in a few Establishment ears. It is essential to understand the infrastructure of decision-making and the mentalities of decision-makers".

As for those lavish lunches, "there is no need for any organization to eat its way out of trouble. Would you lunch a judge and jury?".

Most officials and ministers, in a hard-pressed timetable, would far rather have a 20-minute meeting followed up by a concise research document backing the individual's or company's case.

Mr Miller destroys the myths about the political world which survive so strongly in the world of glossy brochures, purple cheeks and aggressively striped shirts. Forget the idea that Parliament is all-important as a centre of decision-making. Parliament initiates little.

The second myth is that pressure — mass mailings to MPs or mass lobbies of Parliament — gets results.

MPs are far more impressed by five people at their constituency surgery saying the same thing than they are by 5,000 special pleaders turning up at Westminster waving identical leaflets. The mass lobby, says Mr Miller, is "often used but completely wasted".

Myth three is that the industrialist seeking action in Westminster should start at the top.

As Mr Miller says: "Ministerial decisions often do no more than endorse the letters, briefs and draft legislation produced for them by their officials. Far less policy is initiated from the top down than is believed."

Effective power is wielded at a far lower level than is often believed. The crucial grades, he argues, are from principal to under-secretary. He urges the would-be lobbyist to treat officials like stockbrokers' analysts, building a soft sell.

Treat them, he says, as "people whose actions can affect your concerns, who corroborate the information you give them, whose judgement determines their future as well as yours and who therefore will do you no favours, and who should be treated with respect". In other words, don't believe they can be flannelled.

Mr Miller calls lobbyists "lawyers at the Government bar" who need to produce an unemotional case backed with solid evidence and points out the crucial importance of timing. It is much easier to influence policy once it is being formulated, much harder once the Government has made up its mind. "Get in before the Green Paper" must be the motto.

But he concedes that, although organizations such as the NFU and the TUC have a regular consultative relationship, other lobbying groups may have to "hack at the system from outside" and launch pressure campaigns seeking to mobilize backbench and public opinion in an attempt to change a course of action already begun.

Mr Miller is sceptical of Westminster's most fashionable institution today, the select committee.

"Their reports are usually produced too late to affect policies and actions" and he regards them as the Whips' means of giving MPs something to do to keep them quiet.

Mr Miller's book may not offer much of the romance of Westminster. But as a manual outlining how the process of government works, and indicating which levers to pull and which buttons to press, there has probably never before been such a practical compendium.

***Lobbying Government: Understanding and Influencing the Corridors of Power* by Charles Miller (Basil Blackwell; £25).**

Alliance get Tory 'leftist' label

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Conservative Party raised the left-wing bogy in the Truro by-election yesterday — by pointing the finger at the Alliance.

With Labour relegated to a supporting role in this Liberal stronghold, Tory tacticians have decided that for the purposes of the campaign they will paint the centre party firmly in the red corner.

By those means they hope to revive the Conservative vote, greatly eroded by the spell cast by Mr David Penhaligon, the MP whose death in a road accident before Christmas was the subject of an inquest yesterday.

But if they are too successful in that approach the Conservatives risk persuading potential Labour voters to remain in the Alliance camp and vote for Mr Matthew Taylor, its candidate.

Mr Nicholas St Aubyn, the Conservative merchant banker and candidate, harked back to the Lib-Lab Pact.

Health cuts, he said, were a thing of the past, the past of a Labour Government propped up by Liberal support.

"The Labour Party, which was kept in office by the Liberals, cut capital spending on the health services by over a third, the biggest cuts ever inflicted on the health service."

General election: D C Penhaligon (L/All), 31,279; P Buddell (C), 20,799; Miss J M Beecroft (Lab), 2,479. L/All maj: 10,480.

Low-key poll expected

A by-election taking place tomorrow will attract more attention from political experts than from the electors themselves.

More than half a million people can vote in the poll for the Midlands West seat in the European Parliament, but there are fears that the turnout could be as low as 18 per cent.

The constituency comprises eight parliamentary seats spread around Dudley and Wolverhampton, and Mr John Bird, Labour leader of Wolverhampton Council, is defending a party majority of 19,685.

The by-election was caused by the death of Mr Terry Pitt, who polled 74,091 votes in June 1984.

June 1984: T Pitt (Lab), 74,091; A Burnside (C), 54,406; C Carter (L), 17,709. Lab maj: 19,685.

Lawyers call for divorce settlements by computer

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The use of microcomputers is called for today to help to initiate a radical change in the way divorce courts sort out maintenance and property between spouses, and to end costly disputes.

A discussion paper from the Law Society's family law committee says the way courts sort out maintenance and property is arbitrary, uncertain, imprecise and out of date, and based on nothing more than randomly chosen guidelines.

The paper says the law fails to recognize that spouses may have their own possessions, which are not jointly owned and should not be subject to the share-out.

Nor do maintenance decisions take proper account of the full income contributed by working wives; or compromises that one or other spouse may have made during the marriage to his or her earning power so the partner may pursue a career.

It calls for new formulae which registrars would take as a starting point for decisions. Those could be fed into microcomputers in courts to end the present inconsistencies.

Under the proposed new formulae, decisions about the family home and possessions would be sorted out under a matrimonial property code, which for the first time would remove from the dispute arena any property that belonged to either spouse before marriage.

It would also remove anything they received by gift or inheritance, as a result of some "windfall", or which they created by their own efforts after separation.

Mr David Green, solicitor and author of the paper, says: "There is no logical reason why the beneficial ownership of these possessions should ever be transferred to, or retained by, the other spouse".

The rest of their possessions, acquired jointly during the marriage, would then be divided equally.

Maintenance should be seen as compensation to a spouse who has made concessions, such as giving up a career to raise children, payable by the spouse who has property or may continue to profit from the concessions.

From the degree and length of the concessions the courts would determine the level and length of maintenance, based on mathematical formulae which could be programmed for a microcomputer.

The paper, which has gone to judges and legal groups for comment, is critical of the so-called "one third" rule by which courts have traditionally assessed maintenance.

Although courts deny that hard and fast rules exist, they have, "for more than two centuries", worked out maintenance on the basis that it should be equal to one third of the payer's gross income.

Mr Green suggests a formula based on a sliding scale: at one end a spouse contributing nothing to joint income would obtain one third of that income; while a spouse contributing half would merit the half he or she earns.

Where there are children, he suggests 17 per cent of the payer's income as the maximum maintenance

Maintenance and Capital Provision on Divorce - A Need for Precision? by David Green (113 Chancery Lane, London WC2 1PL; £2).





The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, chairing a meeting in central London yesterday of the National Economic Development Council, known as Neddy, which is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. She is flanked by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, and Mr John Cassels, the organization's director general.

In *The Times* photograph below of the council's inaugural meeting, published on March 8, 1962, the attendance was (clockwise from left): Lord Robens, chairman, National Coal Board; Sir Oliver (later Lord) Franks, Provost of Worcester College, Oxford; Sir Robert Shone, the first director general; Mr (later Lord) Selwyn Lloyd, Chancellor in the Macmillan government; Mr John Hare, Minister of Labour; Mr Frederick (later Lord) Erroll, President of the Board of Trade; Mr J.N. Toothill, director, Ferranti; Dr Richard (later Lord) Beeching, chairman, British Transport Commission.

(Centre row): Professor E.H. Phelps Brown, London School of Economics; Mr R. Smith, general secretary, Union of Post Office Workers; Mr Sidney (later Lord) Greene, general secretary, NUR; Mr Frank Cousins, general secretary, TGWU; Mr E.J (later Sir John) Hunter, chairman, Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson.

Mr J.M. (now Sir Maurice) Laing, managing director, John Laing and Son; Mr William (later Lord) Carron, president, AEU; Mr George Woodcock, general secretary, TUC; Mr H. Douglass, general secretary, Iron and Steel Trades Confederation; Mr C.E. Harrison, vice-chairman, English Sewing Cotton Company; Mr Francis (later Lord) Cockfield, managing director, Boots Pure Drug Company; and Mr R.M. Geddes, managing director, Dunlop Rubber Company.

(Yesterday's photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Prices watchdog 'failing public'

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Consumers are not being adequately protected by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission against high prices, waste, inefficiency and over-manning in the nationalized industries, the Commons Public Accounts committee has concluded.

In a report yesterday, the all-party committee rejected evidence from the Government and announced that it would re-open the question of accountability of monopoly industries.

The report will come as a further embarrassment to the Department of Trade and Industry, which gave the commission powers to investigate the performance of nationalized industries on behalf of the consumer in 1980, and which is already under fire over its mergers policy.

The MPs note that it is the Secretary of State for Trade who, after consultation with the industry and its sponsoring department, chooses the subjects of the commission's investigations, not the commission itself.

They believe the commission should play a greater role in choosing the subjects of inquiry and so deflect any suspicion that a sponsoring department was trying to deflect it away from areas that department would prefer not to have examined.

The report notes that the commission has no statutory right to examine nationalized industry's books and records. In evidence it claimed to have "developed a nose" for the information it required, but the committee concluded that it could not always be sure any information received was accurate.

The report criticizes the Government's arrangements for ensuring that the commission's recommendations are acted upon, and says there must be some subsequent external check.

It also rejects the Government's claim that its programme of investigations since 1980 had been "impressive and balanced".

Fourth Report of the Committee of Public Accounts: Efficiency of Nationalized Industries - References to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (Stationery Office; £3.80).

Fight over cost of ship safety

Plans by the Department of Transport to increase charges to ship-owners for the cost of lighthouses and other navigational aids have drawn the combined opposition of the leader and the deputy leader of the Labour Party, the Confederation of British Industry, and the entire ports and shipping industries.

The department has laid orders before Parliament to increase the charges by almost 14 per cent. But the British Ports Association says the costs of using British ports are already too high compared with continental ports, many of which are supported by public funds.

The charges, known as light dues, are levied on owners of ships entering British ports and raise £46 million a year.

A source close to the ports industry said it was rare for the ports, ship-owners and other industrial interests to be so united in opposition to government action. "Even if they push these increases through we shall continue to fight against the existence of light dues", he said.

The ports authority, the General Council of British Shipping, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and other bodies have been campaigning against the increases. Now, however, an early day motion has been tabled in the Commons in the names of Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader, and other Labour MPs, calling on MPs to reject the increases.

The General Council of British Shipping said yesterday that within five years cheap satellite navigation systems would enable almost any merchant ship to fix its position within 100 yards by day or night, in sunlight or in fog, without the need for other aids.

Yachtsmen, who most needed them, paid nothing, and fishermen and Royal Navy vessels were exempted from making any contribution.

Sir Terence Beckett, of the Confederation of British Industry, wrote earlier this week to Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, asking for light dues to be abolished.

● By the end of last year the British-owned and registered shipping fleet had for the first time fallen to under 10 million deadweight tons from 50 million tons 11 years earlier. In the same period the number of ships had fallen by more than two-thirds to just over 500.

The figures, for ships of more than 500 tons, are given by the General Council of British Shipping in its annual review of the industry.

Mr Garry Runciman, president of the general council, refused to say that the merchant fleet would no longer be able to meet the demands of war.

Minister raises hopes of 3-year arts funding

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

The Government is planning a big change in its arts funding policy by introducing a three-year arrangement for the principal institutions.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, said yesterday that moving towards such a system would permit long-term artistic plans to be made on a sounder financial basis.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher recently expressed interest in the proposal, but Mr Luce's remarks made it clear it had received official support, and may be implemented shortly.

The Royal Opera House and other national companies have been lobbying strongly for greater security than the present annual funding allows.

Addressing an international conference in London on arts funding, Mr Luce said the arts required continuity and stability.

The first beneficiary may be the Royal Opera House, whose grant for 1987-88 has been delayed by discussions on the new system.

However, the Arts Council said it was uncertain whether the details would be finalized before the beginning of the financial year next month.

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary-general of the council, has cautioned against any suggestion that three-year funding would resolve Covent Garden's cash problems. "It may help in long-term planning, but it will not in itself be the solution", he said.

Plea for off-peak air fares on Euro flights

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Hundreds of aircraft are flying around Europe with only a third of their seats filled, it was claimed yesterday.

The flights, usually at off-peak times, could be filled if airlines were allowed to charge lower fares to attract customers to the less popular timed services, according to Mr Michael Spicer, the Minister for Aviation.

However, many countries are resisting Britain's attempts to create lower prices, he told a meeting of European students in London. "It is fares which people care most about and by which the success of the Community in this field will be judged by the people at large", Mr Spicer said.

"But our efforts to ensure that people can have the benefit of cheaper off-peak travel are still being resisted by several countries – the French, Italians, Spanish, Portuguese and Greeks in particular.

"I find it deeply regrettable that some states are still resistant to even moderate common sense changes. The introduction of off-peak fares will help travellers and airlines, not least because they will fill empty seats.

"Many off-peak European flights are less than 30 per cent full. That is absurd given the latent demand, for instance, among people like yourselves for reasonably priced air fares."

Universities to aid small businesses

By David Sapsted

An attempt to convince thousands of smaller businesses of the need to get involved in research and development work is being planned by the Government and four universities.

They want to encourage firms employing between five and a few hundred people – the industrial sector with by far the worst R&D record – to use university facilities.

A 30-minute video, made by Southampton University and explaining the possibilities and benefits of such co-operation, will be presented to the Department of Trade and Industry next week.

Dr Michael Clark, head of the geodata unit at Southampton and chairman of the British Education Film and Video Council, said: "At the moment, the smaller businessman tends to take a jaundiced view of universities and, to be fair, some universities have taken a jaundiced view of getting involved in research with anyone but the big, glamour firms.

"What we are trying to show in the film is how smaller companies can link up with higher education for their research . . . and how it can be a cost-effective way of keeping ahead of competition."

The £16,000 film, mainly DTI sponsored, features companies involved with Southampton, Loughborough, Birmingham and Edinburgh universities.

● The time has come for larger companies to take more risks and regain the entrepreneurial spirit lost during the recession, Mr Bryan Nicholson, Manpower Services Commission chairman, told the Royal Society of Arts last night (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

"My overwhelming impression is that many bigger employers have become obsessed not with development but with staying alive. Not all companies made that mistake; some were enlightened enough to continue to plan for the longer term future, even when trade was at its lowest level."

Even those which adopted a bunker mentality should be emerging to take advantage of operating more efficiently than many thought possible.

Women told to pay back 'brothel grant'

Two women who used government money to run a brothel were ordered yesterday to repay part of it.

Bernadette Hughes, aged 32, and Nazareen Ahmed, aged 24, were told by Newport magistrates to pay £200 each in compensation to the Manpower Services Commission and £300 each to the Department of Health and Social Security for falsely claiming £3,550 in unemployment benefit.

Ahmed, of Princes Place, Bristol, was also ordered to do 140 hours of community service. Hughes, of Cedar Road, Newport, Gwent, was given a three-month jail sentence suspended for two years.

The women had joined a scheme to help the unemployed to start businesses and were paid £1,760 in grants by the commission for five months

Sex pest boss trapped by secret tape

A woman said to have worn "scanty and provocative" clothes at work suffered sexual harassment by her employer, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday.

The tribunal at Southampton found that Miss Karen Wileman, aged 25, was subjected to improper sexual harassment by Mr Raymond Atthill, aged 44, a director of Minilec Engineering, Andover, Hampshire.

Mr Atthill had denied Miss Wileman's claims but had secretly been tape-recorded while talking about pornography and suggesting she should go topless on holiday.

The tribunal said Miss Wileman, of Conholt Park, Andover, who had earned £3.20 an hour as a solderer, should receive compensation. If the parties cannot agree on the amount there will be another hearing.

Artificial springtime to test fall-out

By Peter Davenport

Government scientists have created an artificial springtime in laboratories at Bristol University to help to determine what effect the Chernobyl nuclear disaster will have on spring lambs.

Sods of grass from affected areas in North Wales and Cumbria, which are still the subject of restrictions, have been cultivated under artificial sunlight to stimulate their early growth.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries officials hope that the results, expected within the next few weeks, will indicate that the new lambs will be in no danger from natural grazing.

The experiments are part of the continuing monitoring of the effects of the fallout from Chernobyl.

Although the restricted areas have declined, there are still about 300,000 sheep on 466 farms throughout the Britain, mostly in North Wales and Cumbria, still affected. More than £4 million has been paid out in compensation to farmers.

In Cumbria, about 150 farmers in an area stretching from Broughton-in-Furness to the Lakes are still affected.

In North Wales, about 200,000 sheep on 315 farms are still under restriction.

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in a letter to Cumbrian farmers, said that medical and veterinary experts believed the doses of radioactive caesium suffered by sheep were too low to cause infertility or birth defects in lambs.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Italian leaders in coalition wrangle

President Cossiga of Italy yesterday began negotiations with political leaders intended to put together a coalition government (Roger Boyes writes). The betting is on the emergence of a Christian Democrat-led government headed by Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister.

The problem is what price Signor Andreotti's partners will exact for membership of a new coalition. The Socialist Party under Signor Bettino Craxi, who gave up the post of Prime Minister on Tuesday after 3½ years of stable government, will be the most demanding. Strategists say that Signor Craxi may make impossible demands with the aim of forcing a general election in June.

Signor Craxi is confident that he can improve the standing of the Socialists, who command about 11 per cent of the vote compared to the Christian Democrats' 34 per cent, at an election.

More aid to Kenya

Nairobi – On his first visit to Kenya since being appointed Minister of Overseas Development, Mr Christopher Patten has announced that Britain is giving Kenya another £50 million in grants for aid projects still to be identified (Charles Harrison writes).

Kenya is the biggest recipient of British aid in Africa, having received more than £500 million since independence in 1963.

Harare review

Harare – A High Court judge this week ordered a Zimbabwe tribunal to examine the cases of two men, one a Briton, held for nearly 10 months in connection with a South African commando raid here last year (Jan Raath writes).

Mr Richard Woodcroft, aged 44, of Rugby, Warwickshire, and Mr Albert Dube were arrested after South African forces blew up African National Congress premises here.

Aids travel curb veto

Geneva – An unequivocal recommendation against the screening of travellers for Aids has been given by public health experts from 12 countries who yesterday ended a three-day consultation meeting at World Health Organization headquarters (Alan McGregor writes).

They were called on to answer a series of questions relating to mass screening and possible precautions to be taken on public transport with the aim of preventing the spread of the disease.

The experts, who included Dr R. Feacham, of the London School of Tropical Medicine, concluded that screening of international travellers would "retard only briefly the spread of HIV (human immunology virus), both globally and with respect to any particular country".

● NEW YORK: Barring some dramatic advance in Aids treatment or prevention, more than a million Americans will have developed the disease by the year 2000, according to a Louis Harris survey based on interviews with 227 scientists, including six Nobel Prize winners.

Waldheim for Jordan



Dr Kurt Waldheim, left, yesterday received his first official invitation to visit a foreign country since his election as President of Austria last year (Richard Bassett writes from Vienna). King Hussain of Jordan asked him to make a state visit, a gesture received with delight by Dr Waldheim's office and interpreted here as ending his diplomatic isolation. "The ice has been broken," a close aide said.

Editor resigns

Islamabad – Mushahid Hussain, editor of *The Muslim*, the English-language daily, who is said to have introduced Kuldip Nayar, the Indian writer of a controversial interview with Dr A.Q. Khan, the Pakistani nuclear scientist, has resigned his post (Hasan Akhtar writes).

He did so in the wake of high-level anger at Mr Nayar's reported revalation that Dr Khan had succeeded in developing an atomic bomb for Pakistan.

United in terror

Bonn – West German Red Army Faction terrorists have supplied weapons to their French Action Directe comrades-in-arms in an attempt to build a joint terror front in Europe, a Bonn newsaper said yesterday (John England writes).

Die Welt said French security men who arrested four leading French terrorists last month had found evidence that their German colleagues had also delivered explosives to them.

Vanunu trial plea

A campaign to persuade the Israeli Government to hold a public trial for Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the *Sunday Times* informant, was launched here yesterday by his brothers, supported by left-wing and peace movement activists (Ian Murray writes). Mr Vanunu has been held in solitary confinement for five months after being brought to Israel by Mossad agents to stand trial for treason and espionage. His lawyer has lost an appeal for a public hearing.

Mr Meir Vanunu showed a press conference a copy of a letter his brother wrote when he decided to go to London to tell his story about Israel's nuclear arsenal. It said he had decided on the action after looking at all the dangers and the moral and political issues involved.

Retaliatory air strike into Iraq

Turkish jets blast Kurd hideouts

Sirnak, Turkey (AP) – Turkish jets bombed Kurdish rebel targets in Iraq yesterday, destroying their camps and ammunition dumps in retaliation for recent attacks near this frontier town which killed 34 civilians, the Government said. Iraq was notified in advance.

A detailed report on the extent of damage and casualties will be prepared after a study of aerial photographs taken during and after the bombardment, a General Staff statement said.

Kurdish rebels raided a frontier village 10 days ago and killed 14 peasants, most of them women and children, bringing to 34 the number of villagers killed in the south-east region of Sirnak in the past month, authorities said.

● Right of pursuit: Yesterday's bombing of Kurdish villages in northern Iraq by 30 Turkish planes is the latest in about 20 such attacks since 1984, when Iraq, bogged down by its war with Iran, allowed Turkey the "right of hot pursuit of terrorists" into its territory along the two countries' common border (Hazhir Teimourian writes). In addition, there have been two big incursions into Iraq by units of the Turkish Army.

The attacks have usually been preceded by terrorist acts by separatist Kurds from eastern Turkey, who are said to have set up bases in the no-man's-land of Iraqi Kurdistan, a huge mountainous region which has never been fully controlled by Baghdad since the creation of the Iraqi state.

But the Kurds of Iraq say that the targets of the Turkish attacks are bases belonging to the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), the two main political parties of the Kurds in Iraq, which are fighting for a measure of autonomy for the country's three to four million Kurds.

Both the KDP and the PUK have been careful in recent years not to provoke Turkey into greater co-operation with Baghdad against them. It is being said that they have even reassured Turkey that, despite pressure from their ally, the Government of Iran, to blow up the northern Iraqi oil pipeline to the Turkish port of Iskenderun, they have no intention of doing so.

Nevertheless, Turkey has been nervous about the westwards spread of Kurdish-held territory in northen Iraq and is determined to prevent the Kurds from establishing control over the route of the pipeline.

The pipeline is buried underground and runs parallel to an important road that links Baghdad to Ankara and is used by thousands of Turkish and East European lorries carrying goods and equipment into Iraq.

The latest Turkish attack, which seems to have been heavy enough to flatten a number of Kurdish villages, is likely to further complicate relations with Tehran, which has accused Turkey of helping Iraq in the Gulf War



Bahrain (Reuter) – Iran yesterday announced a new offensive against Iraq among the snow-capped peaks of Kurdistan on the northern front, as its forces reported capturing Iraqi fortifications near Basra in the south.

Iranian radio reports said the attackers had captured Iraqi mountain fortifications in Kurdistan and fighting was continuing, some of it hand-to-hand. One Iraqi battalion had been wiped out and two brigades severely mauled, it added.

The Haj Omran area, where the fighting is reported, was the scene of bitter battles during an Iranian cross-border thrust in mid-1983. It is situated about 80 miles north of Iraq's vital Kirkuk oil centre.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Washington – Mr Gorbachov's latest disarmament proposal "shows that the Russians have not given up of President Reagan", according to Mr Kenneth Adelman, director of the United States Arms Control and Development Agency. One can sense the sigh of relief behind those words.

The great fear of the Reagan Administration now, which I have heard on all sides over this past week, is that its final two years may prove to be a debilitating anticlimax.

A battered President, unable to mobilize a disillusioned public opinion to overcome a hostile Congress, might no longer be taken seriously at home or abroad. So there is an even greater desire than usual for some dramatic success to demonstrate that Mr Reagan is still able to govern effectively.

It is hard to see what major breakthrough there might be in the domestic field. So hopes have been concentrated on arms control, and Mr Gorbachov's offer may seem to present the ideal opportunity.

This means that the American response to the Soviet initiative is first and foremost political. The defence implications, and some of the misgivings in Europe, are acknowledged and reported. But in most of the conversations I have had it is the

Desire for arms deal is political

political desire for a deal that has been uppermost.

This is understandable, but disturbing. For the first time since President Reagan came to power he is in danger of doing what he always said he would never do: negotiate with the Soviet Union from weakness.

The weakness is political not military, but no less destructive to sound judgement. When one side is so eager for any sort of agreement there is less inclination to scrutinize the deal with care. Political considerations are all the more likely to predominate because the American foreign policy community is divided on the merits of Mr Gorbachov's proposal.

Some see the offer as a constructive move to get the arms control process moving again. They do not believe that the American commitment to Europe depends on deploying intermediate nuclear missiles.

Others see the danger with great clarity. There have always been two arguments for deploying medium-range missiles in Europe: as a counter to the Soviet SS-20s and to couple the United States more securely to the defence of Europe.

The second argument would still apply even if there were no SS-20s at all. There would still be superior Soviet conventional strength in Europe

Gift for Kinnock in election run-up

which could be countered only by building up Western conventional forces to approximate equality or by maintaining confidence in the American nuclear commitment.

But the first course will simply not be taken, and the second would be weakened by withdrawal of all medium-range missiles from Western Europe. An agreement precisely on Mr Gorbachov's lines would therefore not be in Western Europe's interest.

It would have an effect in Washington if Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Kohl were to say so firmly. But they have earlier gone along with the zero-zero option for Europe, probably on the assumption that the Soviet Union would never be willing to take away all its SS-20s.

Mrs Thatcher specifically endorsed the tentative Reykjavik deal on missiles when she visited President Reagan at Camp David last November. Her only conditions were that there should be satisfactory arrangements on verification and on shorter-range missiles in Europe.

These are the points she is emphasizing again now. But at Camp David she accepted the principle of removing all medium-range missiles from Europe, while allowing the Soviet Union to keep a hundred of these highly-mobile weapons in Asia.

How could she go back on this central issue now without presenting Mr Kinnock with a political gift in the run up to the election?

So there is the risk that political considerations of one sort or another on both sides of the Atlantic will inhibit Western governments from taking a properly sceptical attitude towards a dubious proposal.

Barber in death camp describes 'Ivan' atrocities

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The oldest living survivor from Treblinka, Mr Gustav Boraks, aged 85, struggled here yesterday to remember his days as a barber in the death camp, where his job was to shave the heads of women before they were sent to the gas chambers.

He gave a rather uncertain identification of a photograph of Mr John Demjanjuk, who is accused of being "Ivan the Terrible", the Ukrainian gas chamber operator at the camp.

He spoke haltingly and in Yiddish, which one of the three judges, Mr Zvi Tal, translated into Hebrew for the court. Under cross-examination his memory failed him and he asked for a special adjournment of proceedings before the lunchtime break.

With questions asked in English, translated into Hebrew and then into Yiddish and back again through the languages for the benefit of Mr Mark O'Connor, the defence counsel, the proceedings were long and difficult for everyone.

Mr Boraks said he had been made to give up his barber's shop when Germany invaded Poland, and that he eventually moved into the Cracow ghetto where he ended up in a Gestapo prison for failing to wear his Jewish armband.

Taken to Treblinka, the men on his transport were asked if there were any barbers among them "to cut the hair of the women before they were slain. I didn't raise my hand because my wife and children were going to be killed".

But someone else told the guards that he was a barber and he was beaten and made to go to the camp barber's shop, where 15 or 16 of them cut off the women's hair.

"The women were afraid to come in. 'Ivan' would take his bayonet and force them in. He pushed them into the barber shop. Sometimes they were wounded with whole pieces of flesh hanging off behind them."

The barbers were summoned to work by the blowing of a whistle each time a transport arrived. The hair was sorted, cleaned by being heated, and then baled.

When there were no transports, he would work at sorting out clothes or collecting branches in the forest to camouflage the fences round the extermination area. Once he was carrying a tree with a youngster of about 18, who was so weak that he fell down. "'Ivan' walked over to where he fell and shot him."

Frequently as he gave evidence Mr Boraks confessed that he just could not remember details. During the cross-examination Mr O'Connor concentrated on earlier testimonies he had given to other war crimes trials, looking for inconsistencies in the old man's story.



Ms Marion Arnold, left, riding a camel near the Sphinx and the Pyramids in Giza, near Cairo, yesterday with Ms Maureen Paleschi, after the two sisters were freed on bail by the Egyptian authorities. They were arrested on February 15 after Customs officials at Cairo airport found 13 lb of heroin inside a wooden elephant in their luggage.

Warships at sea in Aegean oil conflict

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Greek warships in the northern Aegean were ordered yesterday to keep a close watch on the Turkish naval research ship, Piri Reis, seen to be cruising under gunboat escort on the high seas in areas believed to be rich in offshore oil deposits.

Tension between the two neighbouring countries grew after the Greek Government announced its decision to acquire control of the north Aegean oilfield operated by a multinational consortium. The move now threatens to precipitate the Greek-Turkish confrontation that the Greeks apparently tried to avoid with the proposed takeover.

Greek officials explained that the measure was designed to stop the Canadian-American-West German conglomerate which has been exploiting the north Aegean oil concession since 1974 from drilling a new oil well 10 miles east of Thasos, outside Greek territorial waters, later this month.

This would involve prospecting on the Aegean continental shelf, where Greece and Turkey have rival claims. Earlier Greek or Turkish attempts to search for oil outside their sovereign waters have often led the two countries to the brink of war.

Mr Anastasios Peponis, the Greek Minister of Industry, told concerned ambassadors of the nations represented in the consortium, as well as a Canadian deputy minister, that the Government was invoking its constitutional right to acquire control because "national issues" were at stake. "The decision to drill, because of its implications, must be the Greek Government's," he said.

In Ankara, however, the Greek initiative was regarded as in defiance of the present status quo in the Aegean.

Mr Kaya Erdem, the acting Prime Minister of Turkey, said: "We are closely monitoring these activities and will not tolerate prospecting beyond the territorial waters. We shall take the necessary steps".

The episode is acutely embarrassing for the Greek Government, at a time when its declining popularity can hardly afford the opprobrium of failing to stand up for Greek rights in the Aegean, while its stagnant economy is crying out for foreign investors to revive business and reduce unemployment.

So when Mr Nazmi Akiman, the Turkish Ambassador, called at the Greek Foreign Ministry to convey his Government's concern that any drilling outside Greek waters would be in breach of a 1976 moratorium, he was told that arrangement was no longer operative and that "the decision when, where and how oil prospecting or drilling is to be carried out on the Greek continental shelf is for the Greek Government to make".

The Greek decision provoked angry reactions from the consortium's main partner, Denison Mines of Canada, which owns more than three-fifths of the north Aegean operation. Its representatives deliberately disclosed the secret decision to drill east of Thasos and criticized the Greek Government for undermining international business confidence by seeking to expropriate the largest single foreign investment ever made in Greece, estimated at more than £450 million.

Denison said it was prepared to fight the Government's action, and if the new well east of Thasos yielded as anticipated the consortium, in which the Greek state has a 25 per cent share and royalties, would invest more than $1 billion (£617 million).

Amal frees 625 Palestinian captives

From Robert Fisk
west Beirut

The Shia Muslim Amal militia released 625 Palestinian prisoners yesterday, apparently on the orders of the Syrian military commander in west Beirut.

The Palestinians had been variously held in Amal dungeons in the west of the city – many of them in cells inside the unfinished Murr Tower office block.

No information about their treatment was immediately available, although there have been consistent reports of beatings in Amal's prisons.

At one point during the recent battles between PLO guerrillas and Amal militiamen, up to 1,000 Palestinian prisoners were held, some in underground jails in Bourj al-Barajneh.

Amal, however, has long been Syria's creature – the word "ally" is one to be used carefully here – and there was no explanation yesterday as to why these men had not been freed earlier.

It is equally unclear how many other prisoners are being held by Amal – or whether any Shia Lebanese are currently held by the Palestinians. Christian Phalangist militiamen are thought still to be holding up to 100 Druze and Shia Muslim hostages at Tartej, high in the mountains north-east of Byblos.

Meanwhile, in west Beirut yesterday a badly wounded employee of the Turkish Embassy was found lying in his apartment, the victim of two masked gunmen.

On the face of it, the incident – which took place in the Treik Jdeide district – was a deliberate attempt to sabotage the Syrian security plan in the city.

However, the shooting appeared to have been the result of a personal dispute rather than a deliberate attempt to sabotage the promises of both Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, and the Syrian Army commander here that foreigners could safely return to the Muslim sector.

Elsewhere in west Beirut, the Syrians continued to try to win the hearts and minds of the Lebanese, this time by handing out copies of *Tishrin*, the Government-controlled Syrian newspaper, at checkpoints in the city.

It is, even for the Lebanese, somewhat unusual to have a car searched by a heavily-armed soldier who then politely hands out a newspaper free of charge. But the point could not be lost on the recipients.

Tishrin's latest edition contains a page of photographs showing women shoppers in Hamra Street, girls walking on the seafront corniche and Syrian troops chatting to Lebanese soldiers. The message is clear: Syrians are good for you.

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Singapore budget hits gamblers

Singapore (Reuter) – Gamblers, drinkers and smokers in Singapore will have to pay more for their pleasures to support the business community and prospective third- and fourth-child parents.

This was the gist of yesterday's 1987-88 budget speech by Mr Richard Hu, the Finance Minister.

The budget envisages a deficit of $ Sin 3.75 billion (£1.19 billion), which will be financed through domestic borrowing or a draw on reserves.

Mr Hu said there was no room for further direct tax cuts and called for greater prudence in all areas.

He said that although Singapore's economy grew last year by 1.9 per cent after contracting 1.7 per cent in 1985, there were "still hazards along the path to full recovery".

Mr Hu announced tax breaks for the promotion of offshore services, such as consultancy and management, and introduced improvements in incentives aimed at promoting Singapore as a financial and services centre.

But the biggest beneficiaries were prospective third-child and fourth-child parents.

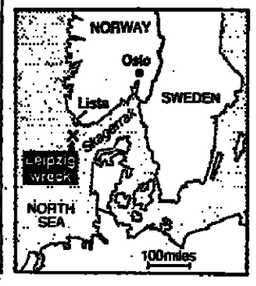
Norway to inspect sunken gas ship

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Norwegian scientists hope to photograph the wreck of the German cruiser, Leipzig, which was filled with poison gas and scuttled by the Allies after the Second World War. 2,000 ft under the North Sea, the Government said.

Professor Frode Fonnum, a toxicologist with the Norwegian Defence Research Institute, said work would begin later in the spring. Underwater television cameras would be used to inspect the state of corrosion in the wreck, which was filled with mustard gas and other chemical agents.

The Leipzig is one of a fleet of up to 30 warships that were filled with poison gas canisters encased in concrete, towed out to sea and sunk by the Allied command in 1946.



Only the location of the Leipzig, 10 to 20 nautical miles south of Lista, the southernmost point in Norway, is known, Professor Fonnum said, although the others are presumably in the same area.

About 200,000 tons of gas are thought to have been dumped, whether by the Allies or by the Germans themselves, in individual canisters or in the ships.

From time to time Danish fishermen operating near the island of Bornholm discover gelatinous mustard gas, probably from individual canisters, in their nets, reviving fears that the very large quantities to the west might some day begin to leak.

There are also calls periodically for the wrecks to be charted, in view of the extensive oil and fishing activities in the region. A recent study by the Ministry of Environment concluded that no urgent action was needed.

Professor Fonnum said water samples would be taken during the Leipzig inspection. It had not yet been decided whether to contract the project to one of the numerous private offshore firms or to use the Norwegian Navy.

Man in the news

Honest Webster to fight on

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Mr William Webster, a teetotal, non-smoking Christian Scientist, is a quiet, almost ponderous man who was planning to retire in solitude to his Missouri farm early next year at the end of a 10-year term as head of the FBI.

His decision, instead, to accept President Reagan's nomination to become director of the Central Intelligence Agency was widely applauded on Capitol Hill yesterday, and his appointment is virtually certain.

He has a reputation for absolute integrity and strict adherence to the rules.

He has resisted pressures put on him by Mr Edwin Meese, the right-wing Attorney-General, who is said to have wanted him to cut certain corners. He has breathed new life into the FBI, dragging it out of a preoccupation with bank robbers and car thieves and into the modern era of fighting political corruption, illegal drugs, organized crime and terrorism.

He is well known on the Washington social circuit, especially in the top tennis clubs, but after nine years at the FBI – Congress imposed a 10-year limit after the mammoth tenure of J. Edgar Hoover – he let it be known that he was ready to go home. Friends said he was shattered by the death of his wife Drusilla in 1984. But once the Iran-Contra scandal broke he decided he had to stay to the end.



Mr Webster: well-known in Washington social circles.

He had virtually to be dragged into accepting the FBI job, which he regarded as discredited and tarnished by exposures of improper activities such as surveillance campaigns, illegal wiretaps and a purge on radical and civil rights groups.

William Hedgcock Webster was born in St Louis, and received a bachelor's degree from Amherst College. He graduated from the Washington University law school in St Louis in 1949. He prospered in Missouri legal circles and in 1960 was named United States attorney for the eastern district of Missouri. President Nixon named him to the federal bench in 1971, eventually elevating him to the Federal Court of Appeals.

Mr Webster, who will be 63 tomorrow, relished the role of judge and likes to be known as Judge Webster. He still speaks in a slow, precise manner, as though he were addressing a jury after a long trial. His appointment to the CIA could eventually place him in a strong position to achieve his ambition to sit on the Supreme Court. He is a Republican.

When he arrived at the FBI Mr Webster launched himself into rebuilding the bureau's reputation and ending the Hoover-era immage of an all-white, all-male force.

But there have been crises, such as the furore over the capture of videotape in 1979 of several members of Congress in the FBI's "Abscam" operation. He may be questioned at his confirmation hearings about his defence of Mr Edwin Meese, who waited several days before calling in the FBI to investigate the Iran affair last November.

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Soviet arms proposals

Paris reactions betray differences

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Interesting nuances in French attitudes to the latest Soviet arms proposals emerged yesterday when President Mitterrand made public his own views, which appeared more positive than the somewhat cool government response earlier.

M Mitterrand, who considers defence one of his few remaining presidential prerogatives, is said to have been angered by the reported failure of the conservative Government to consult him before putting out on Sunday an official reaction in which any note of welcome was absent.

Instead, the statement emphasized France's hostility to any attempt to "denuclearize" Europe, and repeated the three French conditions for an agreement on Euromissiles: the pact must cover Asia as well as Europe; it must include constraints on short-range missiles as well as on longer-range Pershing, cruise and SS 20 missiles; and there must be rigorous verification controls during and after implementation of the agreement.

M Mitterrand does not disagree with those conditions: he drew them up with the previous Socialist Government. But he believes, with evidently greater conviction than the present conservative administration, that the possibility of the abolition or reduction of Euromissiles is "in the interests of France and of peace".

Speaking at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, M Mitterrand pointed out that the so-called "zero option" — complete abolition of both US and Soviet medium-range missiles from Europe — had first been adopted by Nato in 1979, and had been reconfirmed in 1981 and 1986. He said he had learnt "with real interest" of the proposals on medium-range missiles (INF) put forward by Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

However, he emphasized that there was no question of France's own deterrent nuclear force being included in the negotiations, either now or in the future.

On that last point, there is perfect agreement between the Socialist President and the conservative Government led by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister. France has always insisted that its nuclear missiles are designed to defend the nation's "vital interests" and as such should be considered as strategic, although intermediate in range.

M Chirac seemed to soften the earlier government line when he told the Cabinet that any negotiation leading to a balanced, simultaneous and controlled reduction of Euromissiles could not be met with "a negative reaction on our part". However, it would not be correct to describe his own and M Mitterrand's views on Mr Gorbachov's proposals as being "completely convergent", as M Chirac did yesterday.

The Government is clearly more worried than M Mitterrand about what the Soviet proposals could mean for France's defence policy. It is also more worried than the President about the danger of a "de-coupling" of the US from Europe if the "zero option" was adopted.

At present, those fears are being kept private at the official level. But M Pierre-André Wiltzer, an MP in the non-Gaullist UDF party and a leading supporter of M Raymond Barre, has spoken of the Soviet proposals as a "formidable trap", while M Jacques Baumel, vice-president of the Gaullist RPR party, said they marked the beginning of the withdrawal of the Americans from Europe and struck "a terrible blow" at the Alliance.

Such deep distrust of Soviet motives is not restricted to the right. M Paul Quilès, former Socialist Defence Minister, has described the Russian proposals as a *trompe l'oeil* designed "to place the Americans in a difficult position and also to create disarray in Europe".

On the other hand, M Jean-Pierre Chevènement, leader of one of the four main factions in the Socialist Party, has given a warm welcome to the proposals, calling them a "historic opportunity".

The overall French attitude to both Mr Gorbachov's latest proposals and to his efforts to "liberalize" and open up Russian society was probably best summed up by M Jean-Bernard Raimond, the Foreign Minister.

He spoke of the need for a "double vigilance" both to make sure that the West did not miss real changes in the Soviet Union, and to avoid being duped and making unnecessary concessions on Western interests.

Despite the apparent differences in the official British and French reactions to the Soviet proposals, M André Giraud, the Defence Minister, and Mr George Younger, his British counterpart, are expected to find substantial common ground when they meet in Paris next Monday to discuss the Soviet offer.

Gorbachov to visit Latin America

Moscow — Mr Gorbachov has confirmed that he is planning the first trip by a Soviet leader to Latin America, and has talked over details with Señor Athos Fava, head of the Argentine Communist Party (Christopher Walker writes).

Señor Fava said yesterday that the trip had been raised during a three-hour meeting in the Kremlin, and that Mr Gorbachov had expressed his enthusiasm. "He is keen to go and he agreed with us the importance of the visit," he said. A date has still to be decided.

Latin American diplomats in Moscow say that the tour is likely to take place towards the end of the year, and take in Cuba, Brazil, Uruguay, Mexico and Argentina. Peru may also be included.

Señor Fava explained that he had told the Soviet leader that the tour, which is certain to cause concern in Washington, would be welcomed by Latin American communists, who felt that it would be of "tremendous significance for the national liberation struggle" of peoples of the continent.

Pravda said Tuesday's talks between Mr Gorbachov and Señor Fava covered Latin American debt and "imperialist exploitation" by multinationals.

Señor Fava quoted Mr Gorbachov, in a reference to the creation of a cult around his own personality, as saying: "They are trying to make me into a god, but I am not one. If there is a god, it is the Soviet people themselves."



Mr Charles Schmidt with his newly-unveiled mural of the Challenger crew, which adorns the Brumidi corridor of the Capitol building in Washington ontside the Hugh Scott Room, named after a former senator. Constantino Brumidi, an Italian, left blank spaces on walls so that future historic events could be recorded. The crew died in January last year.

EEC agree on cutting butter mountain

Brussels — EEC agriculture ministers have agreed rules for suspending the automatic stockpiling of surplus butter, in an unprecedented bid to curb the growth of the butter mountain (Our Correspondent writes).

The decision, reached unexpectedly in the early hours of yesterday, gives the Brussels authorities powers to close EEC butter stores for the first time in the history of the common agricultural policy.

Crash payout

Yokohama (AFP) — The Yokohama district court has ordered the the Japanese Government to pay 45.8 million yen (£195,000) to a mother and two children injured when a US fighter ploughed into Yokohama suburbs.

Fallout cash

Cologne (AP) — The West German Government has paid DM290 million (£103 million) in compensation to farmers and other businesses harmed by fallout from the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl last year.

Party beach

Budapest (Reuter) — Hungary is to set up a nudist beach as part of a £20 million development for Lake Balaton.

Briton in Penang heroin case tells about death threat

Kuala Lumpur (AP) — A Briton on trial on drug trafficking charges told the Penang High Court yesterday that he carried heroin because he was threatened by an organization, the national news agency, Bernama, reported.

In other testimony yesterday, a psychiatrist from London said the defendant, Mr Derrick Gregory, aged 38, is suffering from a serious personality disorder.

Dr Colin Brewer said Mr Gregory had suffered from a serious illness that affected his brain, leaving him with below-average intelligence.

Mr Gregory, from Surrey, is charged with trafficking in 20.32 oz of heroin. He was arrested on October 7 1982 at the Bayan Lepas International Airport in Penang, 180 miles north-west of Kuala Lumpur.

If convicted, Malaysian law requires a sentence of either death or life imprisonment.

Bernama said Mr Gregory told the court he first saw heroin in a hotel in Penang on the morning he was arrested. A Chinese-appearing man named "Tyron" or "Turn" handed him packets of the drug to be smuggled out and, when he refused, the man said he would "become dirty on me". Mr Gregory said this meant he would be killed, adding that the man also threatened to kill his wife and daughter in England.

Mr Gregory said he had become indebted in London to a man named Paul Dye. He said Dye had offered to cancel the debt if he went along with an arrangement that included going abroad.

Mr Gregory said a man named John Humperies provided him with a passport that described him as a cloth dealer. He then spent a week in Penang in July 1982. In September, he said, Dye told him to return to Penang and wait at the Bayview Beach Hotel for a contact he knew as "Jack" or "Ken".

He said "Jack" met him at the hotel and told him he was supposed to smuggle for the "organization" since it already had spent too much money on him. He became frightened, but was threatened by Jack and later by "Tyron".

Mr Gregory chose to make a statement from the dock on which he cannot be cross-examined by the prosecution.

Drug rings ahead in global battle

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The international battle against illegal drugs is failing. The faster crops are destroyed, the more they are grown. Drug-related violence and bribery are increasing and drug consumption is spreading rapidly.

The only bright spot in a comprehensive US government report on the drug crisis is that more countries are actively engaged in fighting the problem. Eradication programmes are operating in 20 countries, up from two in 1981.

The US Bureau of International Narcotics Matters, an arm of the State Department, says in its 1986 annual report that demand for drugs is up in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

It paints a bleak picture of the drug situation in Mexico, which has become an important transit post for illegal narcotics en route to the United States. Most drugs in the US arrive through Mexico.

Mrs Ann Wrobleski, Assistant Secretary of State for the bureau, said more opium poppies and marijuana crops were being eradicated in Mexico but production continued to rise. More cocaine was seized there in 1986 than before but none of the big traffickers was brought to trial.

Mrs Wrobleski summarized the world-wide drug situation in 1986:

- **Bolivia:** Operation Blast-furnace, in which the US participated, disrupted the cocaine network but only temporarily depressed the price of coca leaf.
- **Peru:** Eradication of coca slowed down because of increased violence by drug traffickers.
- **Colombia:** There was unprecedented violence against politicians, judges and journalists but marijuana eradication continued.
- **Pakistan:** Opium production increased significantly.
- **Thailand:** Opium production fell due to an effective eradication campaign. Marijuana production expanded.
- **Burma:** The world's largest producer of illegal opium also instituted the largest eradication programme. However, output rose as the opium warlords increased planting.

As for 1987, Mrs Wrobleski said her bureau now operated in all key growing and trafficking nations and most of the secondary countries, with the exception of Iran and Afghanistan.

Smuggler MPs helped by Mauritius police

Port Louis (Reuter) — A commission of inquiry into drugs on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius said five present and former MPs smuggled drugs with the connivance of senior police officers.

In a report on its seven-month-long investigation, the commission cleared the Deputy Prime Minister, Sir Gaetan Duval, and praised the Prime Minister, Mr Anerood Jugnauth, for endangering his parliamentary majority by pressing for the inquiry.

The 158-page report, published on Tuesday, said the guilty MPs were Sattyanund Pelladoah, Ismael Nawoor, Serge Thomas, Lutchmeeparsad Ramsahok and Suren Poonith, all of them former members of Mr Jugnauth's ruling coalition.

It added that a sixth MP, Goinsamy Chinien, was an accomplice. It named five police officers who, it said, turned a blind eye to drug smuggling.

Ramsahok resigned his seat in Parliament in December and Poonith followed suit yesterday after witnesses told the commission that they had acted as drug couriers.

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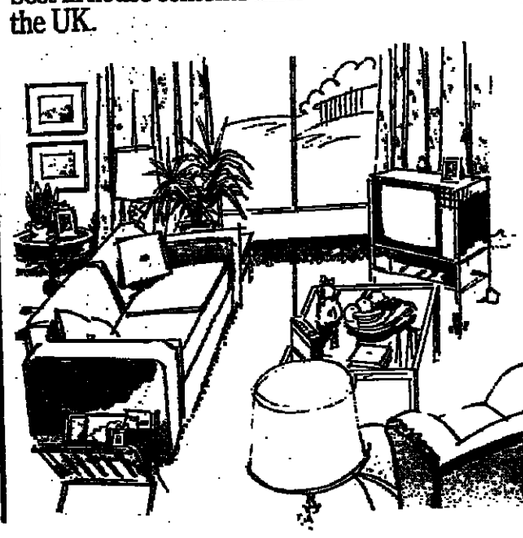


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Sir Joh's power bid stuns Canberra establishment

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Something extraordinary is happening in Australian politics which is shaking Canberra's deeply-entrenched establishment. Just where the tilt for power by Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the maverick Premier of Queensland, will end is anybody's guess, but it is already clear that the system will never be the same again.

After weeks of rancorous debate which has bitterly divided conservative politics, Sir Joh, aged 76, and who at this stage does not even have a seat in the federal Parliament, has persuaded almost half of the National Party's MPs in Canberra to back him against Mr Ian Sinclair, the party leader, in his drive to be Prime Minister. Other MPs are quite likely to follow.

This in itself is remarkable. At the opposite end of the political spectrum, it is as if Mr Ken Livingstone, as leader of the GLC, had challenged Mr Neil Kinnock and got the support of half of Labour's MPs.

The coup attempt was signalled in a motion by the MPs to pursue a campaign with the slogan, "Joh for Prime Minister for Australia's sake".

It indicated a showdown in the power struggle which has pitted Sir Joh as a potential leader of conservative politics against Mr Sinclair and his partner in the opposition coalition, Mr John Howard, the Liberal leader.

The confrontation will be renewed later this month, with the MPs, all of them from Queensland, seeking to get their fellows on the National Party caucus in Canberra to endorse the motion.

But it is already evident that the Nationals' split has all but destroyed the alliance with the Liberals which has made conservatism the natural voice of Australian government.

The implications are profound, but the most immediate upshot is that Labor, long the party of opposition, will now probably win an unprecedented third term of office later this year.

It was always likely that Sir Joh, a peanut farmer whose fundamentalist views and electoral success in Queensland have made him a kind of Outback political phenomenon, would attract far-right support when he announced earlier this year that he was making a move on Canberra.

What has astonished analysts is the speed with which his populist bandwagon have gathered momentum.

Sir Joh's campaign has also had a broader impact. Since making his appearance on the national scene with a near-presidential style of campaigning, there has been a 4 per cent poll swing from the Hawke Government to the conservative parties.

There is even growing speculation about the possibility of a Bjelke-Petersen administration in Canberra.

At a time when Australians are worried and bewildered by dire warnings of unprecedented economic austerity, because of huge trade imbalances and a perilous level of foreign debt, the Queensland Premier's avuncular manner and simple solutions find a ready response.

With a feeling for gut-level issues that has been the basis of his longevity in Queensland politics, he speaks of a federal Government committed to a flat 25 per cent rate of income tax and to confronting trade union power.

When it comes to details, however, Sir Joh is less specific. His standard reply to awkward questions from the media is a paternalistic: "Now, don't you worry about that." More often than not, he will then launch into one of the rambling, inconclusive sentences that have become his hallmark.

Asked recently for his thoughts on foreign policy, he replied: "You are not going to get me with that kind of trick question."

Despite the indications that he does have some broad national support, urban Australians still regard it as incredible that he might be elected Prime Minister.

The Nationals have only 21 seats in the 145-seat House of Representatives, and, whoever leads the party, it is inconceivable that it could win a majority in its own right. The alternative, a new coalition with the Liberals under Sir Joh, becomes ever less likely as he pours scorn on the Howard leadership.

Fellow conservatives believe that Sir Joh's electoral appeal will evaporate under the scrutiny of a federal election campaign.

Mr Howard, who has watched the destruction of any semblance of unity between Liberals and Nationals, remarked bitterly this week: "Sir Joh is not a man of vision and achievement, but a man who through his own selfish power desires, with no basis of any policy or principle, is prepared to embark on a course which will wreck conservative politics."



Mr Howard: watching destruction of coalition unity.



Sir Joh: avuncular manner and simple solutions.



A boy waving a toy rifle as members of Sydney's Afghan community demonstrate against the presence of Mr Eduard Shevardnadze at a dinner with the New South Wales State Premier, Mr Barrie Unsworth.

Two days of talks between Australian ministers and the Soviet Foreign Minister ended yesterday with Canberra agreeing to closer official contacts and allowing Russians to make a fishing survey in Australian waters (Stephen Taylor writes from Sydney).

Australia has received with scepticism Soviet assurances that Russia has no intentions of building up a military presence in the South Pacific. Mr Shevardnadze said Moscow's interest in the Pacific was legitimate and concerned its "tranquility and stability".

He said Russia was concerned by "the expansion of the US Navy in the region, the fact that the US Navy now has long-range, sea-launched missiles there", but its response over the next decade would depend on what the nations of the region wanted. Trade, tourism and political exchanges were all possibilities. The Soviet Minister leaves for Indonesia today.

Indonesia ambivalent on Soviet visitor

From Our Correspondent
Jakarta

Indonesia is expected to welcome Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, with mixed feelings today, Western diplomats say.

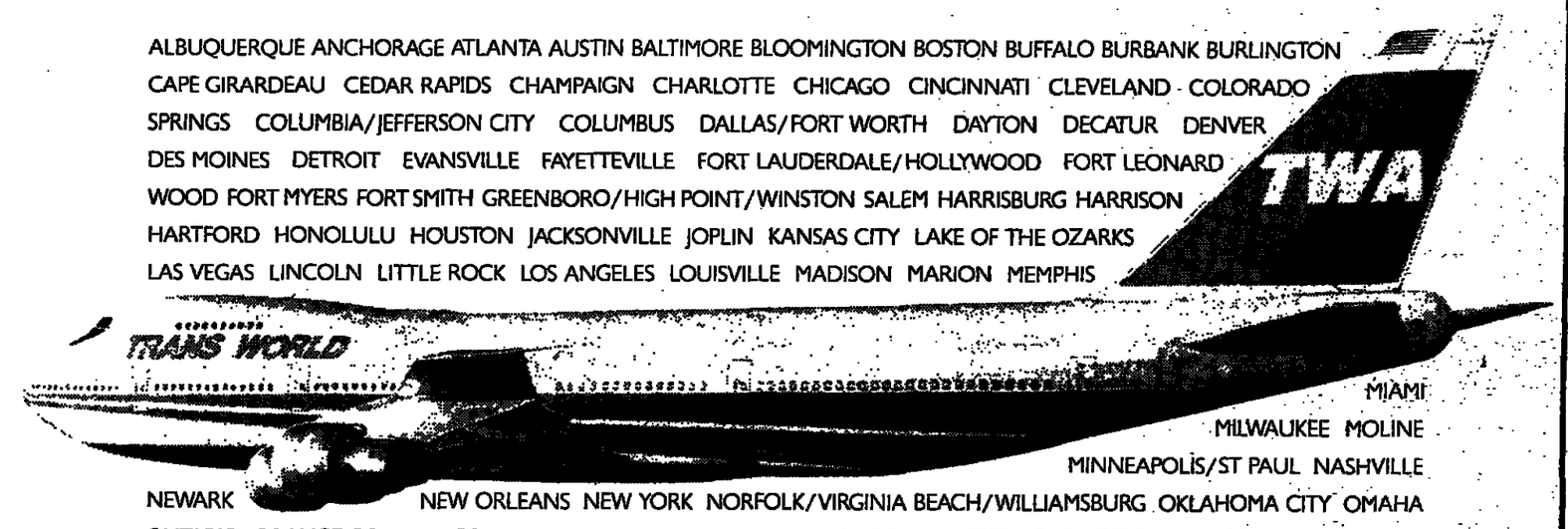
Staunchly anti-communist for the past 20 years, Indonesia is a leading member of the Non-Aligned Movement, with hopes of polishing up its Timor-stained and slightly Western-leaning credentials to gain the chairmanship of the group.

Diplomatic sources say Jakarta has hopes that the visit might give a fillip to its non-aligned hopes, and spell out more clearly Mr Gorbachov's foreign policy intentions in the region, particularly with regard to China and the non-communist Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean).

The spotlight during the two-day visit will almost certainly be on the issue of Moscow's backing for Vietnam's military occupation of Cambodia.

It was the omission of Cambodia from Mr Gorbachov's Vladivostok speech last July 28, which called for strengthening Soviet-Asian ties, that prompted Mr Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, to say at the time that the Soviet leader did not yet understand the region.

On bilateral relations, an abrupt about-face in Indonesian-Soviet relations is not expected.



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Tamil Nadu language conflict

Defence of English by shock tactics

From Michael Hamlyn, Madras

Half a dozen people have immolated themselves in defence of the English language during the past few months in the southernmost Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Another two have taken poison in the same cause.

"Perhaps 10 people have died altogether," said Mr K. Manoharan, a leader of the opposition Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party.

Some 20,000 people have been sent to prison for opposing the "imposition" of the Hindi language. Ten DMK members of the state assembly have been unseated because of their campaign.

The DMK launched the campaign last November in protest at a series of "Hindi weeks" promoted by the Indian Government to hasten acceptance of Hindi as the national language.

The immediate focus of the agitation was a clause in the Constitution which describes Hindi as the country's official language. It was inserted by India's Constituent Assembly soon after independence only by the casting vote of Dr Rajendra Prasad, the chairman, and it has been a running sore ever since.

As a concession to the non-Hindi-speaking states, particularly in the south, English was kept as an alternative for 16 years — until 1965. However, a massive agitation in Tamil Nadu at that time, which raised fears that the state might secede from the Indian Union, resulted in nothing being done to change the status of English. This ambiguity persists today.

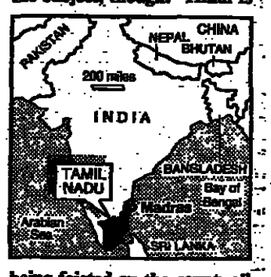
The anti-Hindi agitation, however, seems to have more to do with Tamil Nadu's own political situation than with a real threat from the Hindi-speakers, although the threat exists.

Both leading parties in the state spring from the same roots and both have similar beliefs. The ruling party, the All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), is named after Mr C. Annadurai, the founder of the original Dravidian party, which has split several times.

The AIADMK was founded by a popular film star, Mr M.G. Ramachandran, known as MGR. He is now almost wholly incapacitated by a series of strokes and is practically speechless. He is still Chief Minister, however, and co-operates in the state and national legislatures with the Congress (I) Party of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister. He quite overshadows the DMK, which is led by his former scriptwriter, Mr K. Karunanidhi.

There is a possibility, much feared by the DMK, that the MGR will call a mid-term election in order to ensure that, even though he may not be around for the next five years, his party will still be in power and the DMK will not. The DMK, therefore, has to keep its cadres constantly in trim and more cynical observers see the anti-Hindi campaign as an exercise in this direction.

There is no doubt of the strength of Tamil feeling on the subject, though. "Hindi is



being foisted on the country," says Mr Manoharan.

"Hindi has produced only two works of literature, the *Ramayana* and the *Railway Gazette*. Hindi chauvinists say their language is spoken by the majority of the people, but there are many different kinds of Hindi. There is 'Maithi' Hindi, 'Kariboli' Hindi and 'Rajasthani' Hindi.

Hindi chauvinists, say the Tamils, claim that English is a foreign tongue, the language of the oppressors like Churchill and Brigadier Dyer of Amritsar massacre fame. "But it is also the language of Shakespeare, Byron and Shelley, and of Walt Whitman and Bernard Shaw," says Mr Manoharan. "We are in the era of technology, computers, scientific development and advance, and English is the only language which can help in that."

The bulk of those arrested were held for burning copies of the clause of the Constitution which gives Hindi its status. The members of the legislature were unseated for showing the same constitutional disrespect. Although most of the demonstrators have now been released, including Mr Karunanidhi, between 1,000 and 2,000 are still being held.

Pakistan seeks Awacs to stop Afghan raids

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Afghan MiGs carried out an air attack on Tuesday against an Afghan refugee camp at Chitral, killing two people and injuring five others.

Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, said last Friday that a round-the-clock air surveillance of his country's north-western border areas had been ordered to prevent Afghan air attacks, which last week claimed more than 100 lives in two separate raids on Afghan refugee camps at Kurram and Parachinar tribal agencies.

However, the Afghan MiGs have been intruding into Pakistani air space almost daily, and as many as a dozen planes are reported to have carried out raids which, besides causing deaths, have razed houses and shops.

Mr Zain Noorani, Pakistan's Minister of State and Foreign Affairs, told a ruling parliamentary party meeting here on Tuesday that Pakistani defence experts were in Washington to negotiate the purchase or lease of the American Awacs or any alternatives early-warning system.

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The wilder shores of primitive feminism

Fiona MacCarthy on the first biography of the prime suffragette

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This is the first biography of Sylvia Pankhurst. She wrote her own life story, by no means the same thing. Particularly not in the case of Sylvia Pankhurst, whose talent for self-dramatization and deception, as this diligent new book reveals, came fairly near insanity. Who but Sylvia Pankhurst, who spoke up for polyandry, could have gone indignantly to Thomas Cook in Paris to report that the conductor tried to kiss her on the train?

Here we are in the wonderland of *Weltverbesserungwahn* (George Bernard Shaw's word for it), the grand illusion of world improvement that swept through the Pankhurst family, creating wild domestic dissention on its way. It is a dynasty drama. Any daughter of the elegant, imperious Mrs Pankhurst, with that voice from the platform throbbing like an organ, must have found the suffragette inheritance a little daunting. It is also a fairy tale of bitter sibling rivalry, with Christabel, the elder and more popular and beautiful, outdoing her gauche, increasingly indignant sister. Poor Sylvia, struggling on her amateur child's cycle on a Clarion club outing, turning crimson in the face while Christabel speeds by on a proper machine, taunting her. This was to be the pattern of their life.

Was it domestic desperation, as so often, that decided Sylvia to train to be an artist? Her talents seem to have been pretty mediocre. (The comment of Keir Hardie's that his portrait was "a product of her genius" was surely wishful thinking.) Perhaps it was pique too that led her to go in for the *brutta* style of dress, that uniform of uncompromising dowdiness, the sexless outergarments, the bar shoes and thick lisle stockings, rather wrinkled at the ankles, worn by radical middle class females at a period when lipstick was seen to signify a state of slavery.

Sylvia's art was dedicated to the Cause: a Votes for Women poster in the style of Anning Bell: a suffragette badge given for acts of special valour, a miniature portcullis pinned on heroic bosoms. And soon the causes swallowed up the art. Whatever she did she overdid impressively. Her hunger strikes were longer, her speeches more hysterical; and she, needless to say, was the body on the stretcher born through London in the great suffragette protest march to Westminster. This book is very good on analysing her extremism, her insistence on the most dramatic and exaggerated version of whatever current ideology she was espousing.

What we have here is a rivetingly interesting study of female immaturity. There was in Sylvia Pankhurst a strong Madcap Merle element, recognized by Bernard Shaw when he described her self-defensively as "the queerest idiot-genius of the age — the most unmanageable, self-interested, blindly and deadly willful little rapscallion-condottiera that ever imposed itself on the infra-red of the revolutionary spectrum." She had a very schoolgirlish penchant for disguises, slipping across the Channel like a Scarlet Pimpernel. In her curious political progression from positions somewhat to the left of Lenin, to the passionate identification with Pan-Africanism and Ethiopian monarchism of her later years, one is forced to have a few small doubts about her motivation. Did the cause need Sylvia Pankhurst, or did she need causes more?

She was certainly always much in need of father figures, of whom she assembled an extraordinary collection. What, otherwise, do these four have in common: Lenin, Keir Hardie, Haile Selassie, and King Zog? My own preference is for the absurdly sentimental Keir Hardie, a political Old Man of Lochnagar, who, with surely a great stretch of the imagination, made love to Sylvia, calling her his "Little Sweetheart". One can only feel affection for a man who wrote a pamphlet called *From Serfdom to Socialism*. Oh what a lost world.

For her father figures she clearly favoured beards (like the beard of her own father). For the father of her child, the son she bore at 45, she chose a clean-shaven tamed anarchist called Corio, with whom she lived for many years, reasonably amicably, at West Dene, in Woodford Green, in intellectual squalor: the house overflowing with pamphlets, books and papers, discussion groups and hangers-on; the garden thick with weeds. One of Sylvia Pankhurst's most dogmatic theories was the incompatibility of gardening and activism, which even from this distance seems not such a bad idea.

Patricia Romero, an American academic, has done her research with immense thoroughness and energy, even inspecting the tomb in Addis Ababa where Sylvia Pankhurst lies in pomp amongst the Ethiopian heroes (finally outclassing in exotic grand finale her hated sister Christabel, who just became a Dame). If the book is a little bit long-winded never mind. It is brevity itself if you compare it to its subject, whose bombardments were so verbose and determined that the Foreign Office opened a whole file on "How to Answer Letters from Miss Sylvia Pankhurst". She also wrote some terrible, interminable verse.

Was she, as her biographer claims, the most effective of the Pankhursts? This one doubts. Her activities were too erratic. But of all Pankhursts she was by far the horridest, the best at histrionics and subversion of the truth, with that dangerous streak of obtuseness in her nature we have come to recognize in female terrorism in its modern incarnation. It was noticeable that after all the public meetings addressed by Sylvia Pankhurst, violence broke out.



Zuckerman Schuperman

FICTION

Peter Tinniswood

THE COUNTERLIFE
By Philip Roth
Cape, £10.95

LADIES' CHAIN
By Katharine Hill
Love Stories, £9.95

THE WINDEATER
Te Kaihau
By Keri Hulme
Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95

This is the most daunting and complex Philip Roth to date. It is also one of his finest: indeed it is a breath-taking *tour de force* of wit, wisdom, ingenuity, and sharply-honed malice.

Roth has always been a writer to tease, disturb, shock, and at times exasperate his readers. *The Counterlife* contains all these ingredients, presented with profound elegance and a wicked sense of the barren comedy of life.

Once again the central character is Mr Roth's old favourite, the novelist Nathan Zuckerman, who is rapidly becoming one of the truly great characters of post-war American fiction.

Through his eyes, cynical, wary, even weary perhaps, we are presented with a series of interlocking lives, digested, reassembled, and curiously displayed as images in a distorting mirror.

It is impossible to relate the story line, which has a complexity of structure and daring of plotting, full of the most staggering loops and somersaults, which only a novelist in the full maturity of his considerable powers could produce with such perfection.

The narrative switches, the stunning shocks and surprises, and the comedy veering from the robust to the mordant give the book a richness of texture, which demands the closest of concentration, but yields a constant bounty of pleasure and intellectual satisfaction.

As always the characterization and dialogue are masterful.

I particularly liked the Israeli, Lippmann, a self-centred leader of a Jewish settlement, bitterly cynical and robustly prejudiced.

"Don't worry," he says of the blacks, "the American goy will let them loose when the time is ripe. There is nothing the American goy would like better than a *Judenrein* United States. First they permit the resentful blacks to take all their hatred out on the Jews, and afterwards they take care of the blacks. And without the nosy Jews around to complain that they are violating black civil rights. Thus will come the great American pogrom out of which American White purity will be restored."

But, of course, the prejudices and cynicism are suffused throughout with Mr Roth's sharp-forked sense of the comic elements in even the most mundane or tragic of lives.

This is what gives this book its unique distinctiveness and ultimate distinction.

It is magnificent.

How pleasant it is to welcome Katharine Hill's *Ladies' Chain*, a first novel written with rare verve, exuberance, and accomplishment.

She has taken the classic ingredients of the Gothic novel — country house, mysterious strangers, shifting alliances, ghostly echoes, and larger than life adventures — and updated them to produce a tightly-written novel of power and immediacy.

A young man, deeply disturbed by the loss of his wife and the traumas of a serious accident, finds himself almost by accident in a minor stately home in the West Country.

He becomes involved with the family. His fortunes twist and turn, and are manipulated by a succession of bewitching, enchanting, and formidably forceful women.

The house wraps him up in its mysteries. His past hinges with the past of the house, and brings him face to face in a series of juddering jolts with the present.

Miss Hill handles the plot with great assurance.

At times one fears that it is getting out of hand, but always she brings it back to heel. This is a book of style and charm.

I forecast a considerable future for Katharine Hill.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to be in on the start of her career as a novelist.

And what of Keri Hulme? What of her career?

I confess that I found her Booker Prize winning novel *The Bone People* excruciatingly pretentious, and at times almost unfathomable.

My opinions have not changed by my reading *The Windeater*, which her publishers describe as a brilliant and sometimes disturbing collection of short stories written over a ten-year period, and may of them published for the first time.

I fear I have to call it a ragbag of discordant odds and ends.

It is full of tiresome typographical trickery and — yes, I have to say it — pretentious, formless claptrap totally deficient in craftsmanship and originality.

It shows no more insight into the human condition than a soap-sodden face cloth, and ultimately drifts off into one long yawning, yawning exercise in boredom.

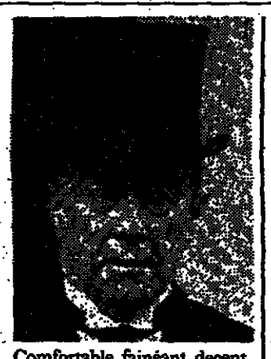
I have just read for the umpteenth time the latest Booker prize winner, Mr Kingsley Amis's *The Old Devils*.

Ah, Miss Hulme, that is what real writing is all about.

Urbane on the urbane

John Campbell

BALDWIN
By Roy Jenkins
Collins, £12.95



Comfortable, fainéant, decent, unexcitingish, Prime Minister

While writing political biographies has long been Roy Jenkins's hobby, his problem has been finding the time to do any serious research. With this book, following hard upon his *Truman* of just a year ago, it is clear that he has resolved this difficulty by inventing for himself a new genre of historical writing, perfectly adapted both to his particular talent and to his other commitments, which should keep him productively occupied for years to come. It is a genre relatively easy to write, based as it is largely on the published work of others. It pretends to no research at all beyond the resources of his own bookshelf. Yet, because Mr Jenkins writes so well, even his reworking of familiar sources is immensely enjoyable to read; and because he is able to write out of his own experience of high office it is full of insights and judgments that are fresh, authoritative, and thoroughly his own.

The reason *Baldwin* follows *Truman* so closely is that the two books were originally part of a single scheme of back-to-back comparisons of Prime Ministers and Presidents. Baldwin and Truman were yoked together presumably as examples of improbable leaders who emerged somewhat accidentally, but survived to leave a deeper mark on their times than many more fancied contenders for power. The comparison might have proved hard to sustain much further. It is the unexpectedness of both their careers that clearly attracted Mr Jenkins.

A closer contemporary comparison, in fact, might be of Baldwin with Ronald Reagan — another amiably lazy leader whose speciality is fostering the complacent patriotism of his electorate. Baldwin, however, was luckier than Reagan in that his negligence was not found out until after he had retired in a warm glow of national gratitude — an apotheosis that now seems likely to be denied to Reagan.

That is one parallel Roy Jenkins does not draw. But he has a liking for sly topical references. "The 1929 Parliament was hardly the most glorious in our history," he remarks at one point, "but it was still one in which it was possible to face a major issue on its merits...without producing mindless noise or mockery from the other side." He is also, while critical of much of Baldwin's record, quite prepared to use him as a stick with which to beat Mrs Thatcher. "The prospects for an unemployed man in 1931 were much better than in 1981."

Despite considerable personal affection and respect for his handling of episodes like the General Strike and the Abdication, Mr Jenkins's overall verdict on Baldwin's evasion of the major issues of his day is fairly severe. First, Baldwin is pronounced guilty of "self-deception or hypocrisy" in ignoring the need for industrial adaptation, while continuing sentimentally to extol the eternal character of the English countryside. Second, he "cannot be acquitted of the charge that, during the period when he was indisputably in general charge of defence policy...the most menacing régime in modern European history...was allowed to move onto a track of military superiority."

Third, Mr Jenkins gives credit to Baldwin's skilful assimilation of Labour within a restored two-party system; but blames him for throwing it all away in 1931 by allowing himself to be manoeuvred into a sham National Government which practically destroyed Labour merely because he was reluctant to interrupt his summer holiday. Nor does he spare Baldwin's weak handling of the 1926 miners' strike: "He went on talking of peace, but he had become a man who had allowed Britain's major industry to be decimated and embittered."

Mr Jenkins's famous urbanity is here bracingly deployed in the service of some sharp political judgements. The result is one of his best books.

Richard Holmes reviews the first biography of a French literary dragoness and Muse

Éléphant Blanche on French Olympus

JUDITH GAUTIER
By Joanna Richardson
Quartet Books, £14.95



Female footstool, or poetess, Orientalist, and clever lady

Anyone who writes a book called *Mémoires d'un Éléphant Blanc* should not, on principle, be forgotten. But Judith Gautier's strange life in the heart, or heartlessness, of French 19th-century culture, touches on other questions of remembrance.

A marked development in literary biography of recent years has been the arrival of the female subject: the *femme de lettres* previously obscured by the long shadows of masculine *gloire* and self-importance. Out of the penumbra have stepped, among many, Zelda Fitzgerald, Dorothy Wordsworth, Alice James, Vita Sackville-West, and even — from a purple cloud of opium talk — poor Mrs S.T.C.

It has been an act not merely of social justice, but more subtly, of aesthetic reappraisal. We have slowly begun to see the business of creation in a less isolated way, performed not on lonely Olympian mountain-tops, but also within more intimate, domestic surroundings, often at great emotional cost to all concerned.

The life of Judith Gautier, beautifully narrated and researched by Joanna Richardson, is an important contribution to this historic process. It is told in a most readable style of high, scholarly gossip, tender and intelligent, after the school of her one-time tutor Enid Starkie, (who wore "all the colours of the Rimbaud"). It crusades, but it crusades gently.

Hitherto Judith has been remembered — if at all — simply for the men in her life. They were a colourful lot. Her father was the poet and journalist of Art for Art's Sake, Théophile Gautier, he of the scarlet doublet; a French Academician later referred to her, with crushing condescension, as "perhaps her father's *masterpiece*". Her husband was the handsome Parnassian writer and pornographer, Catulle Mendès, whom Maupassant described with characteristic delicacy as "a lily in urine". Her lover was the septuagenarian Victor Hugo, whose poems to her — "you are a marble statue, inhabited by a star" etc.—were first submitted, with exquisite cruelty, to his full-time mistress, Juliette Drouet. Her platonic passion was Richard Wagner, whose music she championed in the press: he named a yellow chaise-longue after her and told her she was the inspiration for *Parsifal*.

All these "Gods" — and many others such as Flaubert and Baudelaire — figure vividly in her only recognized work, the three-volume autobiography, *Le Collier des Jours*. Her inevitable status has been that of a female footnote, or footstool, to the history of French Olympus.

Joanna Richardson has transformed this. She introduces us to an extraordinary, very learned and rather mysterious woman, who sought and found after much suffering her professional independence in a tiny villa, perched on the Brittany coast at Saint-Enogat. She lived and worked surrounded by a menagerie of animals (dog, tortoise, lizard, and blackbird whistling Wagner), her final substitute for human affections.

As a teenager, Judith studied Mandarin Chinese. Her real literary work consisted of a whole series of novels, stories, plays, and poems, which gave brilliant imaginative life to the unknown culture and history of the Far East. She played a significant part in the "Orientalism" that revivified French writing, painting, and art criticism. Her novel, *Le Dragon Impérial*, with its warrior-poet Ko-Li-Tsin, was deeply admired by Mallarmé, and Flaubert considered it "one of the wonders of the age". The Goncourts recorded with astonishment "the sense of the Far East which the girl displays, the *divination* of China, of Japan, of India under Alexander, of Rome under Hadrian." One thinks of Margaret Yourcenar.

Her collection of Chinese translations, *Le Livre du Jade* (1867, expanded 1908), which first introduced the poet Li-Po to a French readership, had something of the impact of Arthur Waley's *170 Chinese Poems* 50 years later in England. Indeed I cannot help wondering if they influenced the poetic revolution that Ezra Pound subsequently achieved by grafting Chinese "imitations" onto Imagism.

Pound's famous two-liner in the Metro: "The apparition of these faces in the crowd:/ Petals on a wet, black bough" — seems very close in spirit to many of Judith's spare, melancholy renditions.

All this was achieved at the price of emotional withdrawal. After the collapse of her marriage and her affairs, Judith became a corpulent, impassive, Buddha-like figure, living with a tiny female companion, Suzanne Meyer-Zundel. She referred to herself mockingly as "the reincarnation of a Chinese princess", utterly detached from contemporary matters. (The White Elephant of her children's story comes in here: it lived peacefully in Siam).

Her brother-in-law, the kindly Emile Bergerat, said thoughtfully that "she was like Gérard de Nerval, who "was never there", and, when you spoke to him answered from Constantinople, Baghdad, or India, as if by wireless telegraphy. At evening parties, at the theatre, or at home, Judith was travelling in Asia." In fact she never travelled farther than Algeria. At the age of 65 she was elected to the Académie-Goncourt; and died in Britanny on the night of a wild sea-storm, in 1917. Apart from a doctoral thesis she has been forgotten ever since.

Some 30 years ago, Joanna Richardson published a fine biography of Théophile Gautier, which has been too long out of print. It would be an act of justice, in every way, if these two touching lives — Gautier *père et fille* — eventually appeared in paperback together. An act of justice, and of reconciliation perhaps.

Orientalist, and poetess

More than a female footnote

NEW BOOKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

Dickens in Search of Himself, by Gwen Watkins (Macmillan, £25)

Enigma, The Life of Knut Hamsun, by Robert Ferguson (Hutchinson, £19.95)

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From Humanism to the Humanities, by Anthony Grafton & Lisa Jardine (Duckworth, £29.95)

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John Galsworthy's Life and Art, An Alien's Fortress, by James Gindin (Macmillan, £35)

Jousts of Aphrodite, Erotic Verse translated from the Greek, by Mike Kelly (Forest Books, £4.95)

The Affair, The Case of Alfred Dreyfus, by Jean-Denis Bredin, translated by Jeffrey Mehlman (Sidgwick & Jackson, £20)

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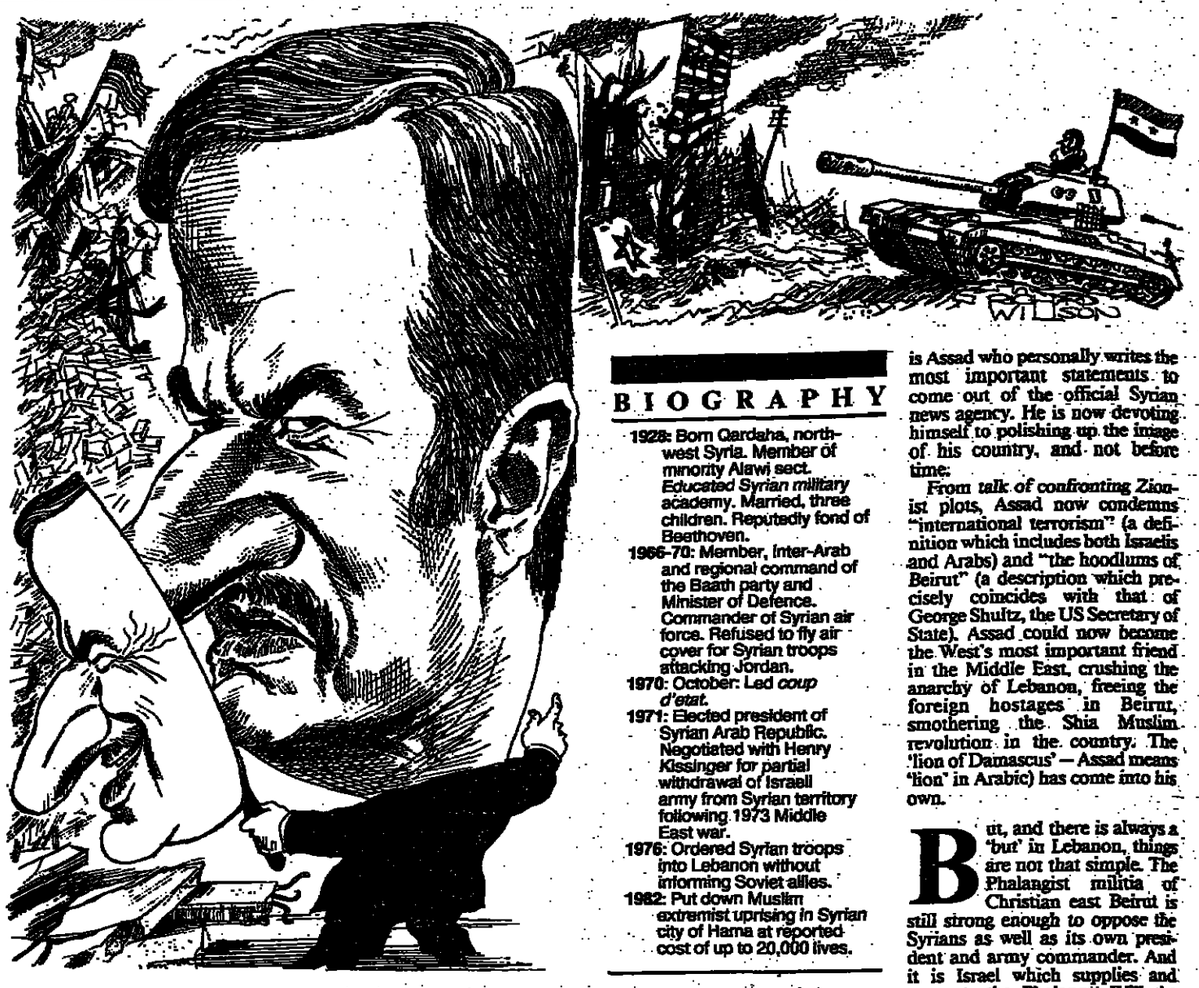
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SPECTRUM

Sister Syria's father figure



THE TIMES PROFILE

HAFEZ AL-ASSAD

Syria's president once more holds the slippery key to Lebanon's future, reports **Robert Fisk**

On the rain-soaked walls of west Beirut these past two weeks, soldiers of Syria's 85th army brigade have been plastering thousands of portraits of their president. Back in 1976, when the Syrians went in without telling their Soviet allies, they did the same; but in those days the pictures showed a stern, unsmiling face with dark brown hair, a leader of the Arab nation staring defiantly into the future. The new posters show a quite different President Assad. White-haired and smiling, he is now the elder statesman rather than the guardian of the Baath party's corrective revolution, a father figure gazing beningly upon his people — Lebanese as well as Syrian.

The blue and pink texts that are plastered alongside these portraits announce Assad's intention to guard the Lebanese against the gangsters of Beirut. And the message has not been lost on the Lebanese. At the American University's alumni club in west Beirut last week, academics heaped food on to plates and trays to give to the Syrian 'special forces', soldiers who were standing duty in the rain outside. 'Sister Syria' — for so Assad believes the Lebanese should regard his nation — had come of age. So, in one sense, has Assad himself. For the man in those street portraits is a conservative, traditional man. And he is also growing old.

At 59, Assad is now among the most powerful figures in the Arab world, grasping for the laurels of Lebanese peace and for the fulfilment of that curious and constant desire which he has so often expressed in private: the gratitude of the Christians of Lebanon. This week, President Amin Gemayel and the Christian Maronite commander of the Lebanese army, General Michel Aoun, were moving towards acceptance of the latest 'pax Syriana'. It would be a considerable victory for the man who has been variously described as both the 'great survivor' and the 'consummate gambler'.

In one sense, the first description is wrong. Good luck and God's good grace have saved him from counter-coups and a persistent heart ailment. Both the Americans and the Israelis have written Assad off: when the Israelis attacked Lebanon in 1982, destroying Syria's air force in one terrible, unforgettable day; or when the tanks of his brother Rifaat's private army appeared on the streets of Damascus, Assad had to drive into his own capital at the wheel of his own limousine to send the tank crews back to barracks.

Nothing, however, could have equalled his performance over the past nine weeks. At the new year, Syria's fortunes appeared to have reached their nadir; Syria was reviled internationally for the incriminating evidence that its security agents had tried to blow up an El Al airliner, it was arguing with its Iranian allies over the course of the Gulf war, and it had been humiliated in Beirut, where its 500 soldiers — relics of an earlier 'security plan' — were overwhelmed by the militias. Within days, Assad was told that the threat to American hostages in Lebanon was now so grave that the Americans were about to stage a sea-borne landing in Beirut.

Publicly, the Syrian president dismissed the presence of an enlarged US sixth fleet in the eastern Mediterranean as typical American sabre-rattling. Privately Assad was appalled. Syrian intelligence agents in Europe were reporting to Damascus that the US warnings should be taken seriously. In one European city, so it is said in Beirut, American agents actually allowed the Syrians to glance at a map of the intended landing zones.

US marines were to storm ashore at Ramlet el-Baida (beside a long, flat beach in west Beirut) while American paratroopers would be dropped in to the Bekaa Valley, a few miles from the Syrian frontier. Furthermore, so the Syrians were told, the operation would be carried out with the active participation of Israel.

Assad acted at once. He called together his most senior military and intelligence officers: General Mustafa Tlass, the defence minister, Major General Hikmat Shehabi, the Syrian army chief of staff, General Ali Douba, head of the civilian Mukhabarrat intelligence service, as well as General Ali Haidar, the commander of the Syrian special forces which had bloodily suppressed the revolt in the Syrian city of Hama in 1982. Haidar's own trusted colleague, Brigadier General Ghazi Kenaan — who served as a lieutenant in the cruel Hama operation — was already in Beirut.

Tlass and Shehabi argued that Syria dare not get sucked back in to the mire of Lebanon. Israel was hoping that the Syrians would do just that, entangling themselves again in the internecine disputes and corruption of Beirut. Only a limited involvement, enough to show the Americans that they could be relied on to restore law and order, could be contemplated.

Douba, however, told Assad that Lebanon was now in total chaos and already represented a grave threat to Syria's standing. He wanted a full-scale military advance into west Beirut. A few months earlier, Assad might have followed the advice of the regular soldiers. But without hesitation, he now decided to back Douba. He even acceded to the latter's demand to put 1,500 Syrian plain clothes intelligence agents — about half the secret service men on active duty at the time — into west Beirut. It was a momentous decision and the moment it was communicated to Washington, ships of the sixth fleet stationed off Lebanon began to withdraw.

Lebanese Muslim leaders were summoned to Damascus and persuaded to "request" Syrian intervention in the street fighting that had now broken out in the city. Then the Syrians, who had already brought armour up to the mountain town of Sofar, simply drove through the upper Chouf foothills and into west Beirut.

What may have clinched Assad's seal of approval for the ruthlessness of the Beirut operation was the humiliation inflicted upon 19 Syrian soldiers who were captured by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) when the battles began in the city. Each Syrian had half his hair and half his moustache shaved off by the militiamen. Iran did not even condemn the act. When the Syrians subsequently killed 23 Hezbollah members in Beirut, they were taking their revenge.

Far more serious was Assad's reaction to revelations that his own security apparatus had, after all, been involved in the attempted El Al bombing, thwarted at Heathrow, last year. The British believed that Mohamed el-Khouly, the head of air force intelligence, was behind the sabotage plan and, after first vehemently denying any Syrian culpability, Assad learned that a burden of guilt did after all lie upon his own advisers.

The Israelis suspect that el-Khouly was fired by Assad, though in Beirut this is said to be wrong, but Assad did berate his senior intelligence operatives in an unprecedented display of bitterness and anger. A normally taciturn, mild man — his doctors believe he should avoid excitement — Assad reportedly banged his fist on his desk, shouted at his intelligence officers and abused them for failing to tell him what they were doing. Now, no intelligence operation is undertaken without his approval.

Assad's personal involvement in decision-making and policy is the key to his present leadership. It was he who decided that the Iranians should be told to accept Syria's renewed role in Lebanon — he knows that the relationship betwen Teheran and Damascus is heavily in Syria's favour — and it is Assad who personally writes the most important statements to come out of the official Syrian news agency. He is now devoting himself to polishing up the image of his country, and not before time.

From talk of confronting Zionist plots, Assad now condemns "international terrorism" (a definition which includes both Israelis and Arabs) and "the hoodlums of Beirut" (a description which precisely coincides with that of George Shultz, the US Secretary of State). Assad could now become the West's most important friend in the Middle East, crushing the anarchy of Lebanon, freeing the foreign hostages in Beirut, smothering the Shia Muslim revolution in the country. The 'lion of Damascus' — Assad means "lion" in Arabic) has come into his own.

But, and there is always a 'but' in Lebanon, things are not that simple. The Phalaagist militia of Christian east Beirut is still strong enough to oppose the Syrians as well as its own president and army commander. And it is Israel which supplies and supports the Phalangé. Will the Americans put pressure on the Israelis to leave the Phalange to Syria's mercy? What if the Hezbollah mounts a serious resistance to Syria in Lebanon, using the same tactics — shelling and the suicide truck bomber — that drove out the Israelis and the multi-national force?

Indeed, what happens to Syria if Assad goes? In theory, Abdul-Halim Khaddam, the vice president, takes over. In practice, Mohamed el-Khouly, the same el-Khouly blamed by Britain for the El Al bombing attempt, is a possible contender. And there is always Rifaat Assad, editing an Arab magazine in Paris while awaiting fortune's wheel.

For all that Assad is a stable and comfortable figure, he has provided for no real succession in Syria. He is indeed a father figure, but who are his sons?

BIOGRAPHY

- **1928:** Born Qardaha, north-west Syria. Member of minority Alawi sect. Educated Syrian military academy. Married, three children. Reputedly fond of Beethoven.
- **1966-70:** Member, inter-Arab and regional command of the Baath party and Minister of Defence. Commander of Syrian air force. Refused to fly air cover for Syrian troops attacking Jordan.
- **1970:** October: Led *coup d'etat.*
- **1971:** Elected president of Syrian Arab Republic. Negotiated with Henry Kissinger for partial withdrawal of Israeli army from Syrian territory following 1973 Middle East war.
- **1976:** Ordered Syrian troops into Lebanon without informing Soviet allies.
- **1982:** Put down Muslim extremist uprising in Syrian city of Hama at reported cost of up to 20,000 lives.

Welcome to my fan club

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The Reagans (right) and a model of the Presidential Library

The crisp white card is simple, but the words written on it are impressive: "The President of the United States requests the pleasure of the company of . . ." Thousands of the cards have been despatched since the beginning of the Reagan regime, but none has been handled more discreetly than the luncheon invitations sent to potential donors to one of the president's favourite charities: the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

By January 1989, when the Reagans are scheduled to leave the White House, this foundation hopes to have collected $80 million, and to have spent it on the building of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and the Ronald Reagan Centre for Public Affairs, in California. The invitations to these special lunches — which neither the foundation nor the White House is keen to discuss — are an important key to raising these funds.

Though presidential libraries have become traditional in post-war America, Reagan's case is unusual: one, because of the enormous sum of money being sought and, more importantly, because the cash is being aggressively solicited before the end of his presidency by methods which, according to some of the potential donors approached, smack of political patronage. While using the power of political office to raise funds is common and accepted practice in Washington, for Reagan to solicit contributions in return for political favours would be illegal.

The foundation was born in early 1984, with little fanfare, when conservative America was congratulating itself that the overwhelming re-election of Ronald Reagan had confirmed the dawn of a new, more sympathetic era. Edwin Meese, the present Attorney General, and Michael Deaver, who had recently retired as the president's chief of staff and established himself as one of Washington's most powerful lobbyists, suggested that their two-term pharaoh deserved a temple to ennoble and preserve his political legacy.

'It's like being with the Queen'

With apparent altruism, Deaver offered the foundation premises immediately adjacent to his booming lobby business. Automatically the rich and powerful arriving to seek Deaver's help would also see the neighbouring foundation's offices, raising the possibility that those seeking influence in the White House might also be expected to contribute to preserving the president's thoughts for posterity.

The foundation's director, Gary Jones, denies the possibility of any illegality involving the president. "As long as Ronald Reagan is president, he won't be told who has contributed to the foundation," he insists. "Clearly, if the president knew who was contributing to his foundation, we would be giving the impression that donors could gain an advantage, and they can't. The president doesn't ask who has given any money."

The recollections of the luncheon guests, however, suggest a less inviolable procedure. In batches of 30 at a time — investment bankers, publishers and car dealers are all thrown together, with only their enormous wealth in common — they arrive an hour before the meal to watch an introductory film in the White House auditorium. Then, armed with an elaborate information-kit describing the foundation, they are escorted upstairs to the ornate state dining room.

Inevitably, the chosen few are immediately overawed: "The service is so special and one is so close to the president," a visitor recalls. "It's like being with the Queen at Buckingham Palace."

"The president welcomed us," another remembers, "and said how glad he was of everyone's interest in the library and the need for contributions. Wouldn't you give if you had that treatment?" Some days after the lunch, in a strange reversal of etiquette, selected guests who have not made immediate pledges are even telephoned by the president or his wife and thanked for attending the lunch.

The result is that about $10 million has already been pledged, and Jones expects the building of the library to begin "within a few months". The library and the centre will cost $30 million each. The land for the centre will cost $20 million, while the library site at Stanford University, also valued at $20 million, has been donated. The design of the library is "exactly to Mrs Reagan's taste", according to Jones.

A low-level building with a red clay tile roof, it is intended to be the repository of all the presidential papers, films, videotapes and memorabilia but with all the facilities and comforts of a luxury hotel.

The library will become, in the foundation's view, as much a place of homage as of study. Sharing its 20-acre site and adding to the grand atmosphere will be two residential suites for the use of visiting "heads of state" and 20 apartments to house "distinguished guests".

Undoubtedly some of the most popular documents in the library will be those related to its funding.

Tom Bower

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A real old ding-dong

Wrought iron clappers, to be made once again in Britain, will bring back the traditional ring to our clunking churchbells

When he opens the Blists Mill Wrought Iron works tomorrow, the Prince of Wales is unlikely to reflect on the "unacceptable noise" of the peal of bells at his wedding: like the rest of us, he probably didn't notice.

Jim Phillips, secretary of the St Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers, is among the few who did. He hopes that the works, part of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, will restore the "song" to his 12-peal bells of St Paul's Cathedral.

Blists Mill, the world's only wrought-iron works, already has other commissions — for example, the steering gear for the restored *SS Great Britain* and the railings outside the House of Commons. But at the top of the joblist are clappers.

For at least 400 years bells have been made of bell metal — 77 per cent copper, 23 per cent tin — and their clappers of wrought iron. The trouble is that since the last wrought-iron works closed in 1973 the best clapper available has been made of spheroidal graphite cast steel, or SG.

"The wrought-iron clapper will hit the bell and bounce and bounce again, making the bell sing," Phillips says. "A cast-steel clapper will just hit the bell and stay there, making a dead sound, and it's completely unacceptable to ringers. It's like a damper on a piano key."

The century-old wrought-iron clappers at St Paul's have deteriorated until they cannot be repaired any longer. At the 1981 royal wedding, two SG clappers had to be called into duty at the last minute. "We hoped no one would notice, but the ringers complained."

The new works will not make a great deal of money for the museum, but should provide about 15 jobs and cover costs. They were built by Manpower Services Commission workers with sponsorships from Shell, the white-collar trade union Apex, and with iron from Woolwich Dockyard and equipment from that last wrought-iron works, the Atlas Forge of Bolton.

"We're catering for a growing movement of people who want the real thing," says Stuart Smith, museum director.

Phillips — whose 12-bell changes at St Paul's ring out across London every feast day and day of national celebration, and twice on Sundays — and every other serious campanologist in the country want the real thing: "It is the sound of the traditional English bell, which we are in danger of losing for ever."

Simon Tait

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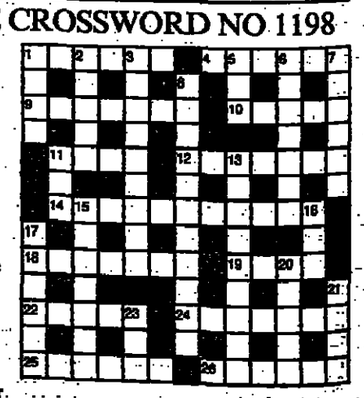
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HEALTH

Wanted: a good food policy

This week the Government abolished its one source of independent advice on food and health – yet the British diet is the worst in the developed world. Geoffrey Cannon explains the confusing politics of food, and calls for reform



The *Lancet* thundered last August: "Britain needs a food and health policy. The Government must face its duty." Earlier in the year the British Medical Association, in its report "Diet, Nutrition and Health", had said there was "an urgent need" for a national policy on food and health, pointing out that "the present operation of the Common Agricultural Policy in relation to dairy products and sugar is directly opposed to the dietary objectives that the United Kingdom should be aiming for".

So what is this Government doing about food and public health? National nutrition education was one of the jobs of the Health Education Council (HEC), funded by the Department of Health (DHSS) but supposed to be reasonably independent of government. In the 1980s the HEC infuriated the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) by advising us all to eat less fat, sugar and salt.

In the summer of 1984 the DHSS set up a special Joint Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education (JACNE) to translate medical advice on food and health into everyday language. A year later, JACNE also infuriated MAFF and the food manufacturers by producing a booklet advising us all in plain language to eat less fat.

So last November Mr Fowler decided to abolish the HEC without any warning to its director-general, Dr David Player. And on Monday, Mr Fowler decided to disband JACNE, again without warning its chairman, Dr John Garrow. Both bodies will cease to function this month, to be replaced by a new health education authority, directly controlled by the Government.

"The merit of JACNE was that it represented a fair range of opinion," Dr Garrow told me. "The majority of its members were not connected with government or the food industry. We could make mistakes, but do so honestly."

What of the future, now that advice will come direct from government? The giant food manufacturers, represented by the Food & Drink Federation (FDF) are determined to maintain their supply of highly-processed, cheapened products, which depend on fats, sugars, and chemical additives.

It is now demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that saturated fats and added sugars, consumed in the quantity typical in Britain, are harmful to health. But the signs are that this Government, embarrassed by the Euroglut of fats and sugars, would, if anything, like to see more of them eaten.

Take sugar. Britain has no policy on sugars and health, because any such policy depends on government acceptance of a relevant report of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (COMA), the central DHSS expert advisory body. Last summer the DHSS agreed to commission a COMA report on sugars and health. In December the chairman of the committee was announced: Professor Harry Keen of Guys Hospital.

Professor Keen is an authority on diabetes who believes that sugars have no special role in obesity or diabetes. He has said as much at meetings organized by the Sugar Bureau. Over the years, some of his research has been funded by the International Sugar Research Foundation, the Sugar Bureau, and most notably by the World Sugar Research Organization.

Or take fats: the main COMA committee is a body of experts who monitor the health effects of national food policy as decided by the MAFF. In the last year, four new members of COMA have been appointed. One is Professor Michael Gurr, now employed by the Milk Marketing Board; another is Professor Don Naismith, who has been a paid adviser to the Snack, Nut and Crisp Manufacturers Association (SNACMA). He believes that crisps are an ideal snack.

All this is no disrespect to Professors Keen, Gurr and Naismith. The question of their personal integrity does not arise. They are entitled to their views. And their appointments should be put in perspective. Eight COMA committees reported between 1974 and 1986; of the 123 seats on these committees, 71 were occupied by men (it's almost always men) with industry or government links. If membership of the food industry-funded British Nutrition Foundation (BNF) committees is counted as a link, this rises to 89 out of 123.

Or take food policy as a whole. This is monitored by the Food Advisory Committee (FAC), the central MAFF expert advisory body. In November 1986 the FAC was enlarged. The "new, improved" committee of 15 includes seven industry employees: four from the food giants (Cadbury Schweppes, Heinz, Reckitt and Colman, and Unilever); a food technologist, a retailer (Tesco) and an advertising agent. Again, this balance is nothing new.

What this means is that the official reports on food and health in Britain are effectively instruments of government. True, scientists on these committees do not change their views to suit the government of the day, any more than scientists who are funded by food manufacturers change their views to suit the industry. But they are usually men who see no conflict between the interests of government, science and industry – or, come to that, the consumer.

The work of DHSS and MAFF advisory committees is covered by the Official Secrets Act, and members of the main COMA committee and the FAC sign the Act. Any report whose recommendations are uncomfortable to government and industry is usually rewritten, suppressed or ignored. This scandal has been overlooked by Parliament: the MPs who know how national food policy is made are often themselves advisers to the food industry.

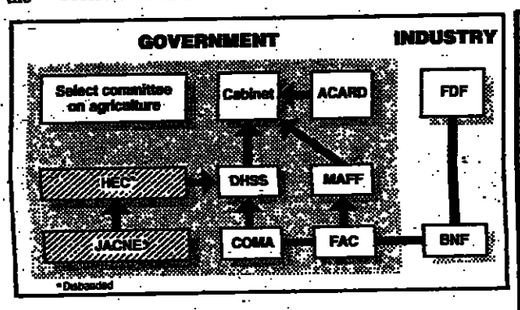
The evidence is that British national food and health policy is controlled by civil servants, working in harmony with the giant food manufacturers. Food and health in Britain will remain the worst in the developed world, until a government commits itself to the transformation of the food supply.

Two steps could be taken immediately: the all-party Parliamentary Select Committee on Agriculture should change its name and, as the Select Committee on Food, conduct a public inquiry into British food policy. And a Register of Advisers' Interests (similar to the Register of MPs' Interests) should be published annually.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE FOOD CHAIN



● **ACARD: Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development.** Cabinet Office think-tank. Policy: more technology, more highly processed food, more power to industry in national policy.

● **BNF. British Nutrition Foundation.** Established in 1967 as national non-official authoritative source of advice about food and health. Wholly funded by food industry.

● **COMA. Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy.** Committee advising DHSS on health implications of food policy as controlled by MAFF. The main COMA committee, now of 18, includes four civil servants and 14 senior scientists, of whom eight are or have been funded by, or are advisers to, the food manufacturing industry.

● **DHSS. Department of Health and Social Security.** No responsibility for quality of food supply. In recent years has attempted to censor or obscure the NACNE report on dietary goals; the JACNE guide to eating for a healthy heart; and the COMA-commissioned report on food eaten by 11 and 14-year-olds.

● **FAC. Food Advisory Committee.** Advises MAFF on food policy. Membership of 15 comprises seven industry employees, five food manufacturers, four scientists, three consumer representatives. FAC advice is subject to ACARD policy.

● **FDF. Food and Drink Federation.** Set up to protect interests of British food manufacturing industry. Dominated by giant firms that manufacture highly processed food, drinks or chemicals. Member companies – annual turnover, £30 million – sponsor the BNF, and supply members of MAFF and other government advisory committees. FDF also encompasses trade associations like SNACMA.

● **HEC. Health Education Council.** Reports embarrassed Government. Disbanded this month.

● **JACNE. Joint Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education.** Disbanded.

● **MAFF. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.** Government department responsible for a safe and clean food supply, but not for health.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Children at risk



When a mother put her two-year-old child to bed one night, he seemed fit and well; but the next morning, when she went to wake him, he was obviously ill so she took him to a doctor, who immediately recognized that he was dealing with a case of bacterial meningitis: the child was taken to hospital, but died within a couple of hours. This story illustrates that it is not possible to rely on the usual signs and symptoms of meningitis: headache, unexplained vomiting, rash, dislike of light and neck stiffness. Traditionally neck stiffness (pain and discomfort when the head is flexed forward onto the chest), is the hallmark of meningitis, but the diagnostic catch is that it is often absent in young children, and even when present difficult to elicit.

The current meningoccal meningitis epidemic was initially centred on Stroud; but this area is now fifth in the league table; Richmond in North Yorkshire leads the field, followed by Worcester, Rugby and Darlington; young adults between the ages of 15 and 24 are most at risk.

Previous criticism of the Government's measures to combat the epidemic have been based on very natural anxiety rather than science, but recently Professor Alan Percival of the University of Manchester has launched an attack on the refusal of the Committee on Safety of Medicine to sanction the use of ciproflaxin, one of the new 4-quinolone antimicrobals which is effective against meningitis. The reluctance to allow the prescription of 4-quinolones to growing children and adolescents follows work done with beagle puppies.

Research has shown that when large doses were given to puppies they developed inflamation in the joint cartilage; but as Professor Percival points out, there is no evidence that large doses, let alone therapeutic ones, will cause similar troubles in children. Meanwhile the epidemic is unrestrained.

Clinic news



The queues in genito-urinary clinics are growing longer, following the Government's campaign to change the nation's sexual habits. The incidence of Hepatitis B, a form of hepatitis common in this country among homosexuals, drug addicts and hospital staff, has fallen dramatically. Doctors at the Public Health Laboratory Service report that 2,000 cases were reported in 1984 and only 1,300 last year. Similar trends have been noticed in relation to syphilis and gonorrhoea.

No smoke. . .



Previous research has shown that smokers of low tar cigarettes compensate for the lower level of tar by smoking more cigarettes, or by smoking the same number more vigorously, but it has always been assumed that their cancer-producing potential would be less. A report in *Hospital Doctor* of a study carried out at the University Medical Center in Essen shows that smoking five "safe" cigarettes produced nearly twice as much mutagenic activity (cancer-giving activity) as smoking five of one of the strongest commercial brands.

The authors conclude that the only true test of the effectiveness of low tar cigarettes in reducing cancer of the lung will be epidemiological studies which will take many years to complete.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Fit for the future

If sport is fading from the school curriculum, should parents encourage an exercise boom?

Every Monday and Thursday evening, Len Almond takes his nine-year-old son Matthew to judo. On Tuesday night it's swimming, followed by soccer on Wednesday and again on Saturday mornings. On Sunday afternoons, the Almonds – including the three-year-old twins, Charlotte and Hannah – go swimming *en famille*. And, adds Almond casually, he or his wife or their "mother's help" also take the twins for a 20-minute walk every day.

Besides being a devoted father, Almond is also a lecturer in physical education at Loughborough University – which may explain why his family are all sports-mad. But he is not alone in his belief that parents should encourage exercise outside school.

Earlier this week a report published by the Secondary Heads Association claimed that sport and physical education are rapidly disappearing from state secondary schools. Almond agrees that the amount of time devoted to sport on the school curriculum is steadily declining, making outside exercise even more important. "Ten years ago, 11-year-olds had an average of two and a half hours per week for PE. Now it's barely two hours, while 16-year-olds have little more than an hour."

Even the traditional Saturday morning team games are fast going out of fasnion, according to the Sports Council: "They came to a halt during the teachers' dispute and some have never got back on the ground," says Mary Fitzhenry, their spokeswoman.

Both the Sports Council and Almond believe that parents could do much more to encourage out-of-school exercise for their children. In a recent survey of 100 schools throughout the country, Almond found that a staggering 63 per cent of children did "no vigorous physical activity" once they got home.

"It's a well-known fact that adults who exercise are healthier, feel better, are less likely to have heart disease or suffer from obesity," points out Dr Wheldon Houlsby, honorary consultant paediatrician at the Leeds General Infirmary, who recently studied a group of Sheffield children aged between five and nine to see how fit they were. "If you can get children into the habit of exercising, you're half-way there – provided that parents don't push their youngsters or allow them to exercise in unsafe conditions."

If exercise is so important, at what age should a child start? "Very young children from a year upwards can enjoy something like gym, providing it's safe and run by qualified coaches," says Tony Byrne, technical officer for the National Coaching Foundation. "But you should also make sure that the activity is right for your child; children develop at different ages and you should check that the environment is neither too challenging nor boring."

During the last few years a pre-school sports craze has swept the country, with toddlers queuing up to join organizations like Tumbletots, which takes minors-in-arms from as young as six months for its Gymbabes class. Other organizations have been set up, such as the British Amateur Gymnastics Association (BAGA), which has just launched its pre-school gymnastics and movement learning programme; it has also produced a package costing £25, which can be bought by teachers.

Sadly, enthusiasm tends to wane once children reach the age of 10 or so. This adolescent apathy is not confined to Britain alone. A recent American survey of 19,000 six to 17-year-olds showed that 40 per cent of boys and 70 per cent of girls couldn't do more than a single pull-up.

The message to British parents, according to the National Coaching Foundation booklet *Play the Game*, is to encourage children without forcing them. Their advice includes such platitudes as not pushing "an unwilling child to participate in sport: he or she isn't playing to satisfy your ambitions". Len Almond puts it more simply: "If parents set the right example, active children will grow up into active adults."

Jane Bidder

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THE TIMES DIARY

Free-market Mandela

In a move sure to outrage Marxist members of the African National Congress, Winnie Mandela has just penned a glowing foreword to a book produced by the head of the South African equivalent of the Adam Smith Instutute. In *After Apartheid: The Solution*, Leon Louw of the Free Market Foundation, and his wife Frances Kendall, argue that free-market libertarianism is the key to racial equality and suggest that blacks want constitutional reform rather than revolution. The book, a bestseller among South African whites last year, has been widely praised among moderate politicians, including the anti-ANC Zulu leader, Chief Buthelezi. In her foreword for the European publication of the book in Sweden this month, Mrs Mandela calls it "an extraordinary and long overdue challenge to South Africa". Few among the ANC national executive are likely to agree with their fellow member's claim that "here lies some of the efforts of the African National Congress" — least of all Joe Slovo, leader of the South African Communist Party.

Home and dry

Such is the confidence of Mrs Thatcher's closest supporters that they are beginning to consider the composition of her post-election Cabinet. They are pressing for the return of Cecil Parkinson, possibly in his old job at Trade and Industry, and a massacre of extant wets. Down for the chop are Peter Walker, whose recent voluble support for the Government's economic policies are seen as recognition of his vulnerability, and Michael Jopling, the much-maligned Minister of Agriculture. Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley is now emerging as the right's candidate for the Chancellorship to replace Nigel Lawson, ear-marked for the Foreign Office. Sir Geoffrey Howe, still ambitious and popular, is being mooted for the Home Office to replace Douglas Hurd; his performance over the refugee Tamils is slated as too weak. Hurd would in turn be demoted to fill Walker's energy job. Or so the grand scheme goes.

BARRY FANTONI



'Yes, and I love Dior's tractor suit with matching accessories'

Whipped away

I suspect that the reception held by the Conservative whips in the Lords for the Prime Minister on Tuesday evening was not quite the self-congratulatory affair one would have predicted. That very evening, even perhaps as the peers were brushing their teeth and shaving in readiness for the do, the Government suffered its first defeat of the session in the Upper House. By a majority of five their lordships voted against the Tories, thus forcing compulsory annual inspections of sports grounds as recommended in the Popplewell Report. Could it be that Lord Denham and the other whips were so preoccupied with arrangements for the great event that arrangments in the chamber, ever so slightly, slipped.

Injured party

The latest offence that can jeopardize your career in the Conservative Party: inviting Harvey Proctor to speak. Three members of the Tory Reform Group at Manchester University were this week startled to receive a letter from the university Conservative Association telling them they had been expelled for acting against the party interest by inviting the Tory member for Billericay. The association, which says Proctor's views could prove inflammatory, has now admitted it was a little hasty — especially since Proctor couldn't make the date anyway.

Sweet sorrow

Henry Sweet, author of works that have been the bane of Oxford's English undergraduates for 93 years — *Sweet's Anglo-Saxon Reader* and *Primer* — is losing his place on the syllabus. The two volumes are finally to be replaced by a modern guide written by Bruce Mitchell and Fred Robinson. Not every Oxford tutor will mourn the passing of books renowned for supplying the barest possible information to those struggling with the ancient lays for the compulsory first-year exams. But Mitchell, who teaches at St Edmund Hall, says he is sad to see the end of books whose author supposedly provided Shaw with the model for Professor Higgins. *He waes aegether min maeg and min hlaford* (he was both my kinsman and my lord), as the Anglo-Saxon tribute to the dead king went.

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Haughey's Waterloo

'Entangled in the Agreement, he could eventually bring Anglo-Irish relations to a worse condition than anything since the war' — **Conor Cruise O'Brien** on the prospects for the next Taoiseach

It seems virtually certain that Charles Haughey, with the support of a few independents, will become Taoiseach on March 10. What is likely to happen then?

Haughey does not want to appear as the saviour of the Ulster Protestants, and be denounced by the SDLP, so he is not likely to abrogate the Anglo-Irish agreement. But he is likely to act in such a way as to jam the agreement *de facto* and make it fall into disuse and discredit. He will refuse extradition and, at the least, will pointedly refrain from endorsing the appeal by Peter Barry, Fine Gael's Foreign Minister, for support for the RUC. At the same time, he will press for the abolition of the Diplock Courts and the Ulster Defence Regiment, and will react sharply to every complaint by Catholics against the security forces.

Above all, Haughey will make it clear that the Anglo-Irish agreement, as interpreted by him, involves no abandonment of "Ireland's right to unity", and therefore no concession whatever to the Unionist position.

The British Government, supported by the press, has been trying to woo moderate Protestant opinion by suggesting that Article 1 of the agreement contains some tremendous and unprecedented concession, by the republic, to Unionist ideas and feelings. Misrepresentation on that score has gone to great lengths, even in the most reputable quarters. Thus *The Economist* claimed last December 2 that the agreement "*includes a renunciation by the south of its claims to Ulster*, claims which are still enshrined in the republic's constitution" [my Italics].

Haughey's government will give short shrift to that alleged "renunciation", which Garret FitzGerald's government indeed could not legally have made without constitutional amendments. The Anglo-Irish agreement, as interpreted by Haughey, is likely to prove unworkable, and a clear liability to the British administration in Northern Ireland. So I think the agreement is headed for a breakdown. Personally I do not regret that, though most people would.

Haughey always refers to Northern Ireland as "a non-viable entity". But in fact it is likely to get more viable through the assuaging of Unionist feelings, as an unintended and unwanted consequence of Haughey's return to power in the republic.

What of Anglo-Irish relations in general, as distinct from the specifics of the agreement? Any Dublin government, in its own interest, will want to keep relations with London reasonably sweet. That rule held good for Haughey's two previous administrations, with the brief exception of the Falklands episode. It would hold good for any future one, too, were it not for the fact that the crumbling post-Haughey Anglo-Irish agreement is likely to play the devil with the whole fabric of Anglo-Irish relations.

After March 10, Haughey will find himself plunged into sharing responsibility — through institutionalized consultatory mechanisms — with Britain over Northern Ireland. Both by political philosophy and temperament Haughey is utterly unfitted to share responsibility in such a way. His partners after all — partners by courtesy of the detested FitzGerald — will be people who have no right at all, in his philosophy, to be in the territory over which this consultative partnership has been established.

In terms of the Irish republican creed dear to Haughey and even more dear to Neil Blaney, the independent Euro-MP on whom Haughey may depend for his political survival, Haughey will find himself in partnership with the foreign forces of occupation in the Six Counties.

Cast in that most distasteful role, Haughey will have no alternative but to conduct his side of the partnership in a strictly adversarial spirit, blaming the British for anything that goes wrong in Northern Ireland, from a nationalist and Catholic point of view.

After some experience of this, the British Government is likely to start putting the blame on Haughey for making the Anglo-Irish agreement unworkable. The opposition in the Dáil will be going on about that too, and Haughey, confronting that opposition, will have no option but to pile even more blame on Britain. And so on.

I believe that Haughey, entangled in the agreement and thrashing around in it, could eventually bring Anglo-Irish relations to a worse condition than anything experienced since the end of the Second World War.

It may not get that bad, because this government may not last long enough to do all that much damage. At present, most commentators give it no more than two years. Still, I fear that some damage could be done within that time. It might be a good idea to act on the recent suggestion of Merlyn Rees, the one-time Northern Ireland minister, and "freeze the agreement". That would lessen the friction with Haughey.

As regards the internal affairs of the republic, Haughey faces some singularly uninviting prospects. Economic conditions require a tough budget with severe spending cuts. Haughey can carry such a budget, with the support of Fine Gael and probably the Progressive Democrats. But such a budget with such support would alienate the smaller groups to the left in the Dáil and lose Fianna Fáil support in the country. FitzGerald would be seen as the honest man who told the country the painful truth and paid the price; Haughey as the man who prevaricated.

Nice stuff for the opposition in any by-election that may be going.

In these conditions, I don't see this government lasting as long as two years. And I *do* see a Fine Gael-PD coalition as likely winners of the ensuing election. In that event, I think Fianna Fáil will at last summon up the courage to get rid of its political incubus, Charles J Haughey.

Economically, the outlook remains grim. But as regards the political life of the republic the horizon looks distinctly brighter. Those citizens whose votes denied Haughey his overall majority did so because they feared the advent to durable power in the republic of an authoritarian personality in total control of a monolithic party.

I came back from America to vote in Dublin North-East so as to be counted among those citizens, and I am glad I did.

Correlli Barnett shows that industrial *Technik* was ever our weakness



How Britain fumbled in its finest hour

The current inquests into the state of British research and development, especially "technology transfer" from original invention into series production of new devices, draw attention to an apparent paradox. How could Britain, which invented radar, developed all-weather target-finding equipment for Bomber Command, and built the first computer in order to crack the German Enigma ciphers, fail to create and exploit, like Japan, a world consumer electronics market, or, like America, a world electronic business-systems market, and instead clock up a deficit last year of £2 billion in information technology?

The truth, in fact, is that the widespread belief in Britain's high-technology leadership during the Second World War is a fallacy, and especially in the field of electronics. Documents filed at the time by the Cabinet and war production ministries make clear that the characteristic British weaknesses in R and D today, especially in "technology transfer", were throttlingly present in wartime. There was a gulf then, as now, between the relatively few world-class scientists in the universities and government research establishments, and the quality of the technological and industrial base.

There is no question that between 1935 and 1943 British original research in radar and other electronic devices was brilliant. At the Bawdsey Research Establishment in Suffolk, fewer than a dozen scientists from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research led by Sir Robert Watson Watt evolved the design for the Chain Home stations that enabled Fighter Command to win the Battle of Britain. Watson's team, like other teams in the Admiralty and War Office research centres, were intimately linked with university science to contribute towards the development of the first operational radars and the later short-wave 10 and 3cm radars that proved the key to detecting and sinking U-boats in the Atlantic.

Yet when the Telecommunications Research Establishment (TRE) was set up at Malvern as the power source and control centre for wartime electronic research and development, Cambridge's Cavendish Laboratory had to be robbed of much of its staff to man it; a demonstration that the nation's pool of top scientists was too small.

By October 1943 the shortage of competent researchers in the field of radar meant that much radar research had to be taken over by America. Thus Britain's leadership in original radar discovery was already waning because its resources even in pure science were too narrow.

But the wartime problem with electronics lay in development and production. The Mark III Identification Friend or Foe radar originated as an idea in 1939. It was almost ready for series production by the end of 1941, but a year later was still incomplete due to delays in production of vital components. In 1942 large-scale production of the H2S target-finding device for Bomber Command was similarly delayed, as was the improved version in 1943-44, forcing Bomber Command to rely on a supply of hand-built equipment.

The Mark VIII Airborne Interception radar for night fighters was bottlenecked in 1942 for want of magnets and magnetrons. And as late as April 1944 Watson Watt was submitting a blistering memorandum to the Ministry of Production about late delivery of various types of radars for all three services, and listing the grievous operational consequences. It was, he added, the same thing with lightweight portable radios for the Army and VHF radio-telephone kit for Bomber Command.

The reason for these delays in technology transfer was the inadequacy of the human and technological resources of the British electronics and precision engineering industries. Before the war the British radio industry had been a world backwater compared with the German or American, mostly assembling simple radios, often from imported components. Its technical and production staff were of the traditional British pattern: self-taught practical men who had begun on the shop-floor.

The industry's development and model-shop personnel who had to carry TRE's designs through the prototype stage into series output were far from being university or technical college trained, as they were in Germany or America. Production management likewise lacked business studies qualifications.

The scarcity of skills in the electronics industry was sharpened by the mobilization of so much available talent into government research establishments. Professor Sir Henry Tizard reported in May 1942 that there were 2,500 radio engineers in government employ, against 864 in the industry itself. In February 1943 there were 541 research workers in government centres, against 236 in the entire radio industry, while on basic research the staff at TRE numbered 34, against 15 in all the radio firms. By comparison, in 1944 there were 4,000 personnel in the radiation laboratory at the Massachesetts Institute of Technology alone.

As a result of these shortcomings Britain depended on huge imports of American valves and components for every aspect of wartime electronic production: magnetrons, capacitors, miniaturized valves for lightweight radios, specialized machine-tools.

Thus Britain emerged from the war ill-equipped to conquer world electronics markets. The continuation since 1945 of the wartime pattern of concentrating scarce talent and resources into defence establishments and defence purposes has acted as a further handicap.

Yet the wartime skills shortages only reflect, like those today, the deeper deficiencies of the British education and training system. The brilliant university scientists had too little understanding of the production problem involved in their designs; for example, Watson Watt's original team at Bawdsey included not one engineer. But in any case British education had long emphasized the up-market academic activities of pure science, to the neglect of what the Germans call *Technik*; it was in *Technik* that Britain proved inferior to Germany and the US during the last war — in electronics as in other fields.

In 1937 Germany turned out more than 1,900 graduate engineers for a population then half as large again as Britain's, against our 700; to say nothing of the 2,000 highly trained engineers produced by Germany's engineer schools. In the now key category of electrical engineer the German output in 1937 of 448 graduates amounted to more than half the cumulative British total for the 14 years from 1925 to 1939. Further down the educational ladder, Germany in 1937 was giving full-time technical and career training to one in 2,600 of its population, compared with Britain's one in 4,500 in mostly inferior and less well-equipped institutions.

No wonder we find ourselves in 1987 buying Awacs, IBM mainframes, Korean table-top computers (under a British brand-name) and Sony hi-fi's and videos. Those whom the Gods wish to destroy, first they make smug.

The author's book The Audit of War *has just been published by Papermac (£7.95).*

Ronald Butt

A superfluity of Tories

Mr John Smith, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, is generally accounted an able and moderate politician. Some see him as Neil Kinnock's natural successor if defeat forces the Labour Party to choose a less left-wing leader. He presents his case in a style of reasoned fluency and is seldom nonplussed.

But I have never seen a politician more nonplussed than he was on television after the Alliance had captured Greenwich from Labour with a majority of 6,611. The words still came tumbling out. He brushed aside any idea that the result was a disaster for Labour and dismissed the voters of Greenwich who had sent Rosie Barnes to Parliament with the declaration that they were only Tories. "What, all of them?" asked Sir Robin Day. Mr Smith floundered on, impaled on his point until the questioning changed. A leading Labour moderate had told us that, despite a more than 4 per cent drop in Labour's share in the poll, the 64 per cent who voted SDP and Conservative are mere Tories, and that Ms Deirdre Wood's 34 per cent represents the true Labour vote.

Now of course he was just thinking of something to say because he was in an awful spot and couldn't come out with the truth, as the Labour backbenchers Frank Field and Austin Mitchell did the next day. Mr Field said that what Ms Wood stood for "was unacceptable to a large proportion of traditional Labour voters". Mr Mitchell pointed out that unsuitable candidates resulted in disasters, and that the party ought to think about some central interference in, or even control of, local selection.

Yet moderate John Smith, like Neil Kinnock and all the Shadow Cabinet moderates, can only preserve the fragile unity of the party by recognizing and defending not only Ms Wood but also the other hard-left candidates whom Labour will offer at the election, of whom there are at least another 10 in London alone. What else can they do? Virtually all the candidates are now selected, and if Labour were to secure a parliamentary majority, the left as a whole would firmly outnumber the moderates on the backbenches. Labour spokesmen must make the best of what they cannot change.

Yet John Smith's dismissal of the Greenwich SDP voters as Tories reveals an aspect of the truth. "Tory" is not an entirely inappropriate description of that majority of the electorate, comprising Conservative and Alliance voters, which rejects the socialist order that Labour now wishes to introduce. For it is also a majority that would work, with different emphases, within the social market economy which Mrs Thatcher's government has revived. Of course, the Alliance politicians would be more collectivist than the Tories, and many Alliance voters strongly disagree with Mrs Thatcher on particular policies. But both Alliance voters and politicians reject systematic socialism, as do many who will still vote Labour out of atavistic loyalty, for the time being.

There is in all this a lesson for Dr Owen and Mr Steel. Their formal position, reiterated in their *Panorama* interview on Monday, is that they are a third force in British politics. Their message was that they could work with Labour, minus its defence policy (and presumably minus a few other things, such as state ownership) or with the Tories if they changed their ways about unemployment.

But in reality the Alliance is not a third force but a potential reformed second force in British politics. It represents what most Labour voters want, even though for the time being they may still be habit-bound to their old allegiance. The SDP in particular offers the prospect of replacing Labour with a party on the left capable of working within a social market system as an alternative to the Tories.

However, the position of the Alliance as part of the national anti-socialist consensus leads to a paradox. If there were a hung parliament, it is almost certain that, as an anti-socialist pro-Nato grouping, the Alliance could co-operate only with the Tories. Yet if it has a long-term destiny it is to replace Labour within a new national consensus.

Some Tories are frightened lest Tory tactical voting at Greenwich will be matched in a general election by Labour tactical voting for the Alliance, where it runs the Tories a close second. But precisely because the Conservatives and Alliance together represent so strong an anti-socialist national mood, this is unlikely to happen. In most such constituencies the Alliance has already so successfully squeezed the social democratic element out of the Labour vote that it is doubtful whether there is much more to come, until Labour is seen as a spent force.

Labour, meanwhile, is in a terrible plight when one of its moderates has to toy with undemocratic centralist selection of candidates because the constituency organizations are in the hands of people who until the 1970s would have been kicked out of the party. Mr Kinnock's leadership tells us what is wrong. He was elected because the dominant left would allow only one of their own to be leader, and he was the one leftist just acceptable to the moderates. He has attacked the Militants, using them as a scapegoat, but other no-less dangerous leftist groups and people go unrebuked. He criticizes their "zealotry", by which he means the embarrassing frankness with which they pursue their cause, but never the cause itself. He has few enemies to his left. The issue at the election will not simply be the policies the Shadow Cabinet puts on paper, but identifying the many candidates who could put backbench pressure on a Kinnock government. If voters then follow the example of Greenwich, that must be good for the nation.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Plot to cut taxi queues exposed

An all-party committee of MPs has secretly plotted to ban from the Members' Entrance taxi queue all secretaries, bar staff, journalists and other Third World citizens who work at Westminster, it was revealed yesterday.

The committee plans that in future only MPs, peers, officials, and the spouses of MPs and peers shall be allowed to stand in the queue.

Other people would be forced to look for them among the traffic whirling around Parliament Square — with a massive potential loss of life.

The change would also mean the biggest crisis ever between MPs and the opinion formers who are their main link with the public: the bar staff.

The scandal was revealed by Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Labour). He broke the story with the words: "On a point of order, Mr Speaker. A sub-committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons Services has issued the minutes of their proceedings of Tuesday, February 17th and in it there is an item relating to taxis at the Members' Entrance.

"It makes the point that the privilege of queuing for taxis at the Members' Entrance should be restricted to members, peers, officers of the House and spouses of members and peers accompanied by the member or peer."

This last provision — the insistence that spouses of members or peers should be accompanied by the member or peer to whom they belonged — was presumably put in to discourage spouses of members or peers from visiting members or peers to whom they were not necessarily espoused.

So, quite apart from anything else, the sub-committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons stood revealed as a somewhat killjoy body.

Mr Heffer continued: "This ends a practice which has existed during all my years in the House." On the face of it, the practice to which Mr Heffer might have been referring was spouse-swapping among members or peers.

In fact, as he quickly made clear, he was referring to the rule "which allows anyone who works at the Palace of Westminster to queue for taxis". Mr Heffer singled out "House of Commons staff and journalists" as among those now threatened.

Mr Heffer went on: "May I ask when we are going to have the opportunity to discuss that pompous asses' decision? For that's what it is."

The Speaker: "Order. I don't think the Honourable member should call Honourable members of the committee pompous asses."

"If I am not allowed to call them pompous asses, I won't," Mr Heffer replied, skillfully avoiding having to withdraw the offending remark.

What had been exposed was an attempt by MPs and peers to corner all the taxis entering New Palace Yard for themselves or their spouses.

Revelation of the affair — Cabgate, as it was being called at Westminster — was another big scoop for Mr Heffer, the veteran MP who over the years has uncovered, to his own satisfaction, such scandals as the rate-capping of Liverpool, the Vietnam war, and the capitalist system.

By last night, MPs of the Select Committee on House of Commons Services were making frantic efforts to avoid appearing pompous or to avoid making enemies of influential journalists and barmen.

It was hinted that the Taxi scam was the idea of the notorious Sub-committee on Accommodation.

It was noted that Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Labour), the professional actor who is on the services committee, did not deny it when Mr Heffer referred to pompous asses.

The exchanges in the chamber had ended with the Speaker telling Mr Heffer that he must raise the matter with Mr Biffen, the Leader of the House. So the issue was now: how much did Mr Biffen know?

All observers agree that the affair is only just beginning. But for the time being the Westminster bar staff were pouring as usual, especially journalists into taxis.

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NO PANIC, BUT EMPTINESS

Mr Neil Kinnock appeared in fighting mood yesterday. His address to fellow Labour MPs was not to be a post mortem on the death of Labour's hopes at Greenwich. He praised the dignity of Mrs Deirdre Wood. He accused his critics of preferring to argue among themselves than to attack the Tories.

The Labour leader won praise amongst his peers for standing no nonsense. The Labour party, however, is no less in peril for that. As was once said of Lord Kitchener, standing no nonsense can be convenient shorthand for listening to no sense. To what and to whom is Mr Kinnock listening?

Two weeks ago he was asked by the *New Statesman* whether he was worried or embarrassed by some of the candidates who would be representing Labour at the next election. No, he said, but "I sometimes get a little intemperate...my irritation comes from the fact that people don't recognise the terrain on which they're fighting and come to the conclusion that to make that recognition is to stain themselves with all of the terrible poison of realism".

Like many utterances by Mr Kinnock this was somewhat Delphic. (When one preaches to as febrile an audience as the Labour party, a certain ambiguity is as essential today as it was for the prophets of Greece.) But Mrs Wood got the message. She recognised the terrain. She tried her hardest to stain herself with realism in order to hang on to a seat which Labour had held for over half a century. But she failed. She was not believed.

How does Mr Kinnock account for this? Alliance smears, Tory smears, tactical voting? On the public level those are his options. All the better then to try to forget past failures and to urge his troops forward; as he did so spiritedly yesterday.

But what does he think in private when the responsibilities of leadership are lifted a little and he can listen to his friends? Among such friends he ought to count the *New Statesman*. If he reads the issue which is published today he will find another description of the Greenwich defeat, a description of the intellectual emptiness of the party which he leads. "The fundamental problem is that Labour has lacked a clear reason for being in business", concludes its main editorial: i.e. when Mrs Wood's sympathy for Sinn Fein and hostility to Nato is stripped away there is nothing coherent left.

The rest of the magazine reports upon the beginning of an attempt to fill the vacuum. It wants to meet "the classic socialist aims of greater equality, higher welfare provision and the erosion of class difference." To do so, its various contributors are prepared to accept markets not just as a necessary evil but as an essential part of socialist theory.

They are also prepared to ditch the trade unions on the grounds that they were only ever necessary to control the power of capital in the interests of the workers: "since market socialism has other means of controlling the power of capital it leaves little for unions to do. Little is to be gained by pretending to the contrary."

One article describes how the optimism of the 1880s became either the reformist socialism of Europe or the authoritarian Bolshevism of Russia. Mrs Thatcher is out to bury both: "conditions which we did not choose and could not avoid have made it all too easy to present the future of socialism as ramshackle welfare collectivism or as a pile of skulls".

It laments — rightly — how Labour's inability to grapple with these "conditions" allowed the Conservatives to sieze every initiative. Unions were held to blame for industrial decline when "short-sighted, inefficient and incompetent managers escaped virtually scot-free".

Labour wants to regain the intellectual initiative. More than that, it wants to regain power. Can the second come before the first? It is beginning to look unlikely. The *New Statesman* essays, written largely by those who are considered close influences on Mr Kinnock, provide an ambitious thesis but, by the editor's own admission, an unfinished one.

Then there is the problem of communicating the message. Red roses are fine when the product is right. They could not hide the emptiness on offer at Greenwich.

Mrs Wood's political roots in the London Labour were those of Mr Tony Benn, once affectionately dubbed the Bertie Wooster of Marxism. The Left now leads a miracle worker of truly Jeevesian capabilities if it is not be defeated for the third successive time. Mr Kinnock has not shown himself to be such a man.

PILLS AND NEEDLES

It is hard to fault the fiscal good intentions which have led Mr Tony Newton, the Health Minister, to fund the cost of giving free disposable syringes to diabetics within the National Health Service budget by a rise in prescription charges. It is much harder, however, to find any logic in this, or indeed in the charging system as a whole. For the conflicting priorities of revenue-raising, rationing through price, policies for welfare and policies for public health have interacted randomly over the years.

The syringe case is typical. For public health reasons, the Government has reluctantly decided to supply drug addicts with free disposable needles to help deter the spread of AIDS. This undermined the case on cost grounds for restricting diabetics, who require daily insulin injections, to reusable needles which are less safe.

It is unclear, however, why people suffering from varicose veins or asthma should pay more in order to fund an improved service to diabetics but not pay more for the fight against AIDS. Yet that is the implication of the way in which the 9 per cent increase in basic prescription charges was announced. The higher charges will raise £10 million per year, the extra cost of disposable syringes.

Changes in prescription charges are conventionally announced around Budget-time, thus emphasizing their revenue-raising function. But from the earliest days, the charges were intended to have part of the function of a price, levied so as to remind the public that it was using scarce resources.

Charges have not succeeded in either of these aims, chiefly because they appear to conflict with the welfare principle of the NHS: that individuals should not lack generally available medical care — or be limited to inferior treatment — for lack of funds. As a result, so many exemptions and special arrangements have built up that less than one in five NHS prescriptions are now charged to patients. Of the exempt prescriptions, about half go to pensioners, a sixth to children under 16 and a seventh to those on low incomes.

In general, the heaviest users of the service apart from the chronically sick are exempt, so the effect of there being a price on the drugs is negligible. The few who do pay have seen the nominal charge multiply twelvefold since 1979, so that in an estimated fifth of cases, patients are paying more than the cost of the treatments prescribed. But the revenue base is so small that charges still contribute only about 3 per cent of NHS spending.

In the general tax system, the present Chancellor has tried to cut through the cycle of ever rising tax rates paid by ever fewer people. Arithmetically, prescription charges could raise just as much by reducing the nominal amount to 50p and eliminating the exemptions. Given the relatively trivial sums raised, ministers may understandably feel that such a move would not be worth the outcry it would bring. They may take that view despite the fact that the introduction of prescription "season tickets" has greatly reduced any potential hardship and any change could be allowed for in pensions or welfare payments.

That is a pity. Nominal charges for all prescriptions and for visits to the doctor would have a social as well as an economic function. Patients would, however illogically, feel they were paying for a service rather than receiving a handout. That feeling is more prevalent, especially among the elderly, than is generally assumed by policy-makers. Universal nominal charges would not price anyone out of health but it would cause the elderly, among others, to make more critical demands on the NHS to tend their ills.

CAMERAS IN COMMITTEE

The radio broadcasting of parliament has not yet been best used to increase the information about policy and legislation available to the public. On certain occasions, such as the Budget, the public can hear a sustained relay of the Commons' business. The same has been true when great questions are in the forefront of the nation's concern: the Falklands conflict springs to mind. But otherwise, public awareness of the House of Commons, so far as news programmes are concerned, is largely determined by snippets of altercation and uproar. It is a common view among MPs that the impression given neither elevates the public's opinion of parliament, nor conveys much information.

There is now an opportunity for something better. The Sound Broadcasting Committee of the Commons intends to seek the authority of the House to allow it to inquire into the possibility of televising the Select Committees. This could not possibly arouse the fear of misrepresentation, sensationalising and ediorialising which was at the root of the Commons' last rejection of television in November 1985.

Select Committees, such as the Public Accounts Committee and those which shadow government departments, invite ministers, officials and informed outsiders to answer questions. They exist not so much to score points as to elicit information. Within limits, they operate without party strife. Much information flows from them which members of the public, like politicians, need in order to make informed judgments.

The manner of the proceedings in Select Committees lends itself to the camera. MPs may fear that a roving camera in the Chamber itself could catch them out (snoozing, for example) and would show them warts and all. In fact, the use of the cameras could be controlled. But this would not even be a risk in televising Select Committees where questioning and cross-examining of witnesses is systematic and reasoned.

Those in the camera's eye would be well aware of it, and noise and baying would be absent. Occasional cameras in committees would also raise none of the problems of cost or lighting levels which represent a problem for the Chamber.

It is significant that the new initiative is being supported by the chairman of the Sound Broadcasting Committee, Sir Philip Goodhart, who himself voted against cameras on the floor of the House lest they should prompt some Members to play to them. It is to be hoped that House will allow the mattter to be looked into, and will eventually accept an experiment.

Parliament has always been torn between an urge to appeal to the public and an instinct to keep its proceedings to itself: in the eighteenth century it continued to forbid the reporting of its debates long after the danger of outside pressure (its original reason) had passed.

Today, every word goes into Hansard and every sound could go on radio or television. The House of Lords provides two years experience of television cameras, which have done it no harm, and have often aroused interest in its proceedings. It is time for the Commons to take another step in its relations with the public. The resistance to televising Select Committees will not be because of real objections but because it is feared as the thin end of a wedge. What if it is?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A soldier's farewell to arms

From Viscount Morpeth

Sir, I have had the privilege to command an armoured reconnaissance squadron in the British Army of the Rhine for the past two years. I have resigned my commission to protest about the present Government's defence policy, which is having damaging consequences on the training, equipment, manning and conditions of service of the Regular Army. The Royal Navy and Royal Air Force are in a similar position.

"Salami slicing" cuts are making it increasingly difficult for commanders at all levels to train their formations and units to the highest standard required to maintain a credible deterrence. The Ministry of Defence are unable to order sufficient quantities of spare parts for our armoured fighting vehicles owing to misguided and counter-productive economies.

Formation and regimental commanders, therefore, have to cut their training programmes. Once the authorised allocation of "track mileage" is reached, "Exercise ends". Vehicles breaking down often cannot be repaired owing to lack of spare parts. Crews are not able to perform their primary role. The Royal Armoured Corps has to face the additional problem of severe cuts in the allocation of ammunition for annual firing practice. The efficiency of the finest and most effective volunteer fighting force in Nato is degraded.

Longer term cuts imposed on and by the Ministry of Defence will have far-reaching and damaging consequences unless present policy is changed. Mid-life improvements on our reconnaissance vehicle fleet are currently shelved. Equipment, which entered service in the 1960s, will still have to operate at the turn of the century. The situation will occur when central Europe is likely to be destabilized and when potential aggressors are improving the quantity and quality of their conventional forces.

If this is a dispiriting state of affairs, the situation for the serviceman and servicewoman is aggravated by low pay and deteriorating conditions of service. The Government boast, in their statement on the Defence Estimates, 1986, that they have accepted in full every recommendation of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body since 1980. This may be the case, but the recommendations of this impartial and painstaking independent body are rarely put into effect. Staggered pay rises are best described as a cheap "con trick". Cuts in overseas allowances are demoralising and bear heavily on the junior NCO and his family, who are least able to bear them; and finally the necessary package to improve conditions of service was rejected in an arrogant manner.

The Government show no sign of reversing the current policy. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fisher wrote to your predecessor after the First World War. He ended his letter with the words, "Sack the lot". No doubt the electorate will be permitted to deliver its judgement within the next 15 months. I hope that it will bear these points in mind.

The truth is that we are neglecting our conventional defence in spite of ministerial comments to the contrary.

Sir, I ask you to use your influence to ensure that the Armed Forces' equipment and conditions of service deteriorate no further.

I beg to remain your obedient servant,

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Politics and police

From Mr R. H. Hunt

Sir, Mr Holland (February 21) describes an incident which, he says, "gives the lie to the notion bandied about in the House of Commons that the police are not to be prompted in their investigations". In my view it does nothing of the kind.

A letter had apparently been written to the Chairman of the BBC alleging an infringement of the Representation of the People Act in a programme of which Mr Holland was the editor. A copy of this was passed to the DPP — we are not told by whom. Mr Holland was then visited by the police and interviewed at length and a statement was taken. No more was heard by Mr Holland.

Mr Holland says the allegation was "poppycock" — an opinion which can hardly be regarded as entirely disinterested. But on the strength of this opinion Mr Holland seems to be requiring us to assume that the DPP must have taken the same view, and was therefore guilty of wasting public money and police time in making further enquiries, which, on this asusmption, he must have known were pointless.

Personally, I should prefer to rely on the judgement of the DPP, who is a responsible officer of great experience and with no axe to grind, on the question whether there was a case worthy of further investigation, than on that of the person whose conduct was being called in question. The fact that nothing more has been heard merely seems to show that the DPP has carried out his duty with the responsibility and impartiality which we should expect.

The fact is that Mr Holland seems, like many other people, to be confusing two things, viz: the passing of information to the DPP or the police with a view to enabling them to consider whether there is a case to be investigated, and giving them instructions on what to do in order to carry out their investigation.

The former would seem to be the duty of every responsible citizen who believes that a crime may have been committed. The latter would be quite unacceptable. It is the latter which has been alleged against the Government in the Zircon case, without (so far as I can see) any evidence to support it, and which has been consistently denied.

Recent events have given some of us the impression that there are those in the broadcasting fraternity who think that it is somehow improper that the rest of us should presume to question their actions or their judgement; and Mr Holland's letter does nothing to weaken that impression.

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R & D shortfall

From Professor E. H. Andrews

Sir, Your leader (February 21) lays the blame for Britain's low investment in civil R & D squarely upon the private sector. My experience as a consultant to industry in Europe and the USA and of a 10-year stint as a non-executive director of a British manufacturing public company tends to support this thesis.

Your leader appears on p13; on p19 I read the headline, "Pressure on ICI to match City hopes for final quarter profits". Perhaps this says it all. For whatever reason, British industrial companies tend to emphasize short-term results at the expense of long-term goals; hence the relative neglect of research investment. The appointment of new Government committees, reshuffling the research councils and similar measures are unlikely to have the slightest effect upon this phenomenon. To correct the underlying attitudes responsible could take generations, and Britain just does not have the time. There is an alternative, however.

The short-term ambitions of industry could actually be harnessed to promote R & D by the simple device of allowing such expenditure to be tax-deductible at a rate exceeding 100 per cent. As an example, if industry-funded research at British universities were deductible for corporation tax purposes at, say, 200 per cent, the chronic financial problems of the universities would be eased and a powerful incentive to invest in research would be placed before company boards. Indeed, relief at 300 per cent would reduce the cost of such research to almost zero and is not out of the question within certain limits.

A lower relief rate (say, 150 per cent) could apply to in-house research costs. The cost to the Treasury would have to be calculated, of course, but such measures would, I believe, be highly cost-effective in view of the pressing national need and would have an immediate effect. There would also be a minimum of bureaucratic intervention.

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Succouring children

From Mother Frances Dominica

Sir, I welcome the letter from the Reverend Philip and Mrs Jane Davies (February 25). Our experience at Helen House hospice for children over the last 4½ years has shown us that they are right in asserting that children dying of cancer often can and should be cared for at home; we support their suggestion that energy and resources should be channelled into providing more support at home for such children and their families.

However, there is a comparatively small group of families who have children with slowly progressive life-threatening diseases, many of them genetic in origin, often affecting more than one child in the family, for whom occasional respite care, as well as support at home, is a necessity rather than a luxury. One mother had not had an unbroken night's sleep in 12 years when she first came here. We provide an artificial extended family and friends in a society which has almost lost the extended family and which has an increasing tendency to isolate suffering and leave the victims to the care of "experts".

We must not lose sight of the fact that the number of such families in this country is mercifully very small indeed. At a recent conference held under the auspices of Help the Hospices the Duchess of Kent said she was convinced that four children's hospices would meet the needs of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and that these needed to be strategically placed.

We should see hospice as a philosophy, not a facility. It does not always need a purpose-built unit. It is a way of being alongside those whose life-span will be short, giving the help and support most appropriate for them and for their families in the place where they most want to be.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES DOMINICA,
Director,
Helen House,
37 Leopold Street, Oxford.

Inequities of the rating system

From Mr G. Woodcock

Sir, The sooner the proposed "community charge" system, ignoring the size of houses and taking into account the number of people actually using and enjoying the services, becomes law, the fairer and more equitable will our local authority finance become. What other services are paid for on the same absurd basis as our present rating system?

Suppose, for instance, that all the occupants of three identical adjoining houses — one occupied by a widow whose children have married and left home, one by a couple whose children have also married and left home and one by a couple living with three teenage children and one grandparent — decide to have a day out together and go to the local railway station to buy the tickets.

You can imagine their consternation if the booking clerk said, "the cost of your return ticket will be assessed upon the house in which you live and not upon the number of seats that you occupy in the train" — the widow, occupying one seat, paying the same as the couple occupying two seats and as the whole family occupying six seats.

Do you wonder, Sir, that the present rating system is considered both inequitable and unfair?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WOODCOCK,
Heathfield,
Haslingden,
Rossendale, Lancashire.
March 1.

Theories of SDI

From Dom Andrew Moore

Sir, David Hart writes (February 19) that "SDI is a benign as well as revolutionary concept". Revolutionary it may be, but benign it is not. From the outset SDI was a dangerous Utopianism and any virtue it may conceivably have promised has become increasingly compromised as developments have proceeded.

In announcing SDI in March, 1983, President Reagan clearly envisaged a move from offensive to defensive non-nuclear deterrence and to this end he called upon the scientists "to give us means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete".

However, it has become clear that the so-called shift from offensive to defensive deterrence is but a masquerade. The simplistic SDI-1 theory (that of March, 1983) has been quietly replaced by a more complex and dangerous SDI-2 theory which serves to reinforce the offensive-based MAD (mutually assured destruction) strategy.

Existing nuclear deterrence can at best enjoy only provisional moral tolerance whilst other means are sought for the achievement of lasting and realistic disarmament. SDI fails to fit in with this and, as it has developed, seems less and less to enjoy any moral credibility.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW MOORE,
Downside Abbey,
Stratton on the Fosse,
Bath, Avon.
February 23.

'Tunnel vision'

From Professor Michael Chisholm

Sir, One of Eurotunnel's deeper boardroom problems has so far been largely ignored.

The Government take the view that the tunnel must be a privately financed venture. In the Bill which is now before the Lords, care was taken to block one possible avenue for public money to be invested, namely, via British Rail. Therein lies a fundamental problem for the tunnel.

For all the rhetoric, the only firm plans for through rail services that have been made public (at least, so far as I am aware) refer to services between London, Paris, and Brussels. Until and unless an extensive network of through services to destinations in Britain and throughout Europe is available, the tunnel will be little more than a trans-Channel shuttle and will be unable to realise its full competitive advantage.

The requisite investment by British Rail, a State-owned concern, to achieve the full advantages of through services depends on authorisation by Government, which in terms of public expenditure now appears unlikely to be forthcoming. Could it be that the boardroom problems in Eurotunnel reflect this basic fact?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL CHISHOLM,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Geography,
Downing Place, Cambridge.
February 12.

Minority status

From Mr D. E. Thomas, MP for Mcirionnydd Nant Conwy (Plaid Cymru)

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt (feature, February 25) recommends that we do not rely on Russian good intentions until she has vacated the Baltic states. If the Russians took the same line then they would not trust Mrs Thatcher until independence had been restored to Wales and Scotland or Mr Reagan until the conquest of California by the United States is rectified by its restoration to Mexico.

If Lord Wyatt were taken seriously then he will bury us all in his one-sided concern for national minorities.

Yours etc,
DAFYDD ELIS THOMAS,
House of Commons.
February 25.

A riper old age

From Mrs Jean F. Linden

Sir, The different attitude to age between Britain and the USA showed up very markedly on the front page of last Saturday's edition (February 28). Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is to retire at 61: Mr Howard Baker, also 61, is to become the new White House Chief of Staff. Prior to this appointment he was planning to run for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988!

Sincerely,
JEAN F. LINDEN,
22 Towers Road,
Pinner, Middlesex.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 5 1915

Sir James Edmonds, an official war historian, wrote of the five-week-long First Battle of Ypres that the British Expeditionary Force held its own by "sheer good shooting and superior training." Sir John French was created first Earl of Ypres on his retirement in 1922. The writer of the article was Will Irwin, of the New York Tribune

THE BATTLE OF YPRES.

THE GREAT ASSAULT.

"... Ten days followed in which nothing decisive happened and everything happened. The Germans rocked their attack from side to side, searching for the weak spot. They gained here; they lost there; but the line remained as it had been when Haig moved up his First Corps ...

Then came the 31st — the crucial day for England. The attacks had been growing stronger; across the lines the British heard the Germans singing as though working themselves up, German fashion, to a Berserk courage; captured orders showed that the Kaiser had commanded a great assault which should clear the way to Calais and to Paris.

Before the sun was high on that morning of the 31st, a British aviator vol-planed down to his own line with a wing damaged by shrapnel. He dropped from his seat pale and shaken. "A close call?" they asked. "It isn't that!" he said, "it's what I've seen — three corps, I tell you — against our First!" So he jerked out his story. He had seen the roads and ridges like anthills and antruns with men; he had seen new batteries going into position; he had seen, far away, the crawling grey serpents which were still more German regiments going to their slaughter. "And we're so thin from up there," he said, "and they're so many!" Hard on this came hurried news to headquarters from the front. The German artillery and a massed attack of German infantry had broken the First Division of the First Corps near Ypres; ... "We must have reinforcements," said the message. "I can give you my two sentries and my Headquarters Staff," replied French. Disaster after disaster followed. The Royal Scots Fusiliers, remaining too long in a hot place, were for their very valour cut off. The Germans had found new artillery positions, had shelled General Douglas Haig's headquarters. A shell had burst in the house. Haig was outside at the time; but nearly every staff officer of the First Corps was killed or wounded. The army up there was almost headless — was fighting as individuals on primitive fighting instinct.

... French jumped into his motor-car and rushed to the line of the First Division. He had not so far to go as he thought. The line had retired four miles. Through his glasses he could see the close-locked quadruple ranks of German infantrymen attacking everywhere. And everywhere the English were fighting valiantly, but without method. They were in it to the last man — even the regimental cooks. The officers of infantry and cavalry were firing with the men, their servants loading spare rifles behind them."

THE COST OF VICTORY.

Mr. Irwin tells how Sir John French then gathered up a part of the broken First Division, threw it at the flank of the German attack, broke it, snatched back the positions lost, and rested finally on his original line. The writer continues:

"The English had merely held — technically — really, they had won the climacteric action in that long battle which must determine the future course of this war. The cost of it was no less than the cost of other famous victories. One regiment went into that campaign 1,100 strong. They came out but 73. And most of their lost thousand went down that day before Ypres.

...October 31 was the decisive point of the action before Ypres; but no one knew it then. The attacks and counter-attacks, the digging in, went on. French troops began arriving in force to strengthen and make sure the line.

Nevertheless the Germans had one more great assault on their programme. Again the dense masses poured in: again the very officers fired until their rifles grew too hot to hold. When, that night, the strength of the German attack was spent, the better part of the Prussian Guard lay dead in a wood — lay, at some places, in ranks eight deep. The second and lesser climax was past. A fortnight more, and the line from La Bassée to the sea had been locked as thoroughly as the line from Switzerland to La Bassée. It had cost England 50,000 men out of 120,000 engaged — a proportion of loss greater than any previous war ever knew. It had cost the French and Belgians 70,000. It probably cost the Germans 375,000. That is a half-million in all. The American Civil War has been called the most terrible in modern history. In this one long battle Europe lost as many men as the North lost in the whole Civil War.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 4: The Hon Tangaroa Tangaroa (Her Majesty's Representative in the Cook Islands) had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

Lady Tangaroa had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir David Wilson was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong.

Lady Wilson had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of WWF International, this morning gave a Press Conference on Panda Habitat Emergency at the International Press Centre, Shoe Lane, EC4.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon in an aircraft of 32 Squadron from the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this evening presided at a dinner for major benefactors and fund raisers at Senate House, Malet Street, WC1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor (the Lord Flowers).

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 4: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning visited Marconi Defence Systems at Stanmore.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 4: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this morning at Kensington Palace received Mr Harold Haywood and Mr Paul Boateng.

Afterwards, His Royal Highness, Board Member, Commonwealth Development Corporation, received Mr A. Boyd and Mr J. Eccles.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited Fashion Services for the Disabled, Saltaire Workshops, Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness, Patron of the British Deaf Association, visited the Centre for the Deaf, Centenary House, North Street, Leeds.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Mrs Max Pike and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in the Royal Train.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mary Countess of Bradford will be held at St Michael's, Chester Square, SW1, at 12.30 today.

A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel T. Pierce-Golding will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of William C. Ladd will be held at St Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, at noon on Thursday, March 12.

Dinners

London University
Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, presided at a dinner held at Senate House last night for major benefactors of the university. She was welcomed by Lord Flowers, vice-chancellor, and principal officers. The guests included:
Lord and Lady Dainton, the Hon Elizabeth Brimelow, the Hon Mrs Sara Morrison, Sir Alastair Currie, Sir John and Lady Davis, Sir Philip and Lady Harris, Sir Norman Lindop, Sir John and Lady Sparrow, Mr D R Clarke, Professor and Mrs R H C Davis, the Very Rev G Earle, Mr and Mrs J Foulds, Mr and Mrs M Harris, Professor and Mrs R W K Honeycombe, Dr and Mrs R Leach, Mr and Mrs D B Money-Coutts, Mr and Mrs Morton Neal, Mr and Mrs P Palumbo and Professor and Mrs L Rolfe Harris.

Cornhill Club
Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman of the Stock Exchange, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Cornhill Club held last night at the Connaught Rooms. Mr G.H. Marples was in the chair and Mr Bernard Harty, Chamberlain of the City of London, and Mr D.M. Sutherland also spoke.

Timber Trade Federation
Mr G.N. Donaldson, President of the Timber Trade Federation, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Patric Fredell, President of the Swedish Wood Exporters' Association, was the guest of honour and principal speaker. The other guests included the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, the Ambassador of Finland, the Indonesian Ambassador, the Canadian High Commissioner, other members of the Diplomatic Corps and representatives of other timber producing nations.

Anglo-Israel Association
Baroness Elliot of Harwood, President of the Anglo-Israel Association, presided at the annual dinner held at Grosvenor House yesterday. The guests of honour and speakers were Mr Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr Paul Johnson and Mr Michael Latham, MP, chairman of the executive committee. Among others present were:
The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs Arner, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord and Lady Bottomley, Lord Glenamara, CH, Lady Jenner, Lord Rayner, Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton, Lord and Lady Thomas of Swynnerton, Lord Weidenfeld, Lord Wigoder, QC (chairman of the council) and Lady Wigoder, Sir Keith Joseph, MP, Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, and Lady Cowen, Mr Michael Cocks, MP, and Mrs Cocks, the Hon Jacob and Mrs Rothschild, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Sir John and Lady Barnes, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Sir Michael and Lady Hadow, Dame Simone Prendergast, Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg, Lady Ingrid, Mr Ellis Birk and Baroness Birk, Mr Denis Thatcher, Mr A Beith, MP, Dr J Blackburn, MP, and Mrs Blackburn, Dr Rhodes Boyson, MP, and Mrs Boyson, Mr M Brandon-Bravo, MP, and Mrs Brandon-Bravo, Mr I Lawrence, QC, MP, and Mrs Lawrence, Mr I Renton, MP, and Mrs Renton, Mr S Corob, Mr and Mrs W Frankel, Mr and Mrs M Gilbert, Mr and Mrs V Hochhauser, Mr and Mrs J Kornberg, Mr C B Mercer (director) and Mrs Mercer, Mr and Mrs M Ravix, Mr and Mrs Robert Rieth and Mrs J de Rothschild.

New master is named

Sir Patrick Nairne, Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford, since 1981, will retire in October next year, it was announced yesterday.

His successor will be Dr Brian Smith, a fellow of St Catherine's and a university lecturer in chemistry.

Sir Patrick, aged 65, became Master of St Catherine's after a distinguished career in the Civil Service.

St Edmund Hall Oxford

St Edmund Hall, Oxford is undertaking a revision of its list of old members. Aularians who have not received a copy of the St Edmund Hall Magazine for 1985-86 are requested to send their names and present addresses to the Principal's Secretary, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, OX1 4AR.

Election of the Chancellor of the University:
A buffet luncheon in college will be available to any old members voters on application to the Domestic Bursars' Secretary by noon on Friday, March 13, when full details will be given. Telephone (0865) 279006.

Exeter College Oxford

Members of Exeter College intending to come to Oxford on Saturday, March 14 to vote in the election for the Chancellorship of the University, are welcome to lunch in college. Please notify the college secretary, telephone 0865 279648.

Lincoln College Oxford

Any member of Lincoln College, Oxford, who intends to vote in the election for a Chancellor on March 14 is invited to a luncheon at 12.30 pm. Please telephone the Steward on 0865-279815 by March 12.

Magdalen College Oxford

Any Magdalen MAs who intend to vote in the election for a Chancellor on March 14 are welcome to lunch in Hall at 1 pm. Please inform the President's Secretary, (0865) 276000, by March 11.

Oriel College

Any Oriel MA who intends to vote in the election for a Chancellor on Saturday, March 14, is invited to a buffet luncheon and requested to notify the College Secretary, (0865) 276543, by March 11.

Sydenham High School

On Friday, March 6, Sydenham High School is celebrating its centenary with a service of thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral.

Army museum remembers the defenders of the safe

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Echoes of Britain and France at war in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century were heard at Glendinning's yesterday with some obscure medals reaching top prices.

Even the Bank of England raised a regiment of volunteers at the that time, prepared to defend the bank vaults in the event of a French invasion. They did not see action but held shooting competitions in preperation.

The gold medal awarded to the third best shot in 1805 sold to the National Army Museum at £1,650 (estimate £800-£1,200). One side bears an inscription and the other shows a seated Britannia with a laurel wreath and cornucopia, an image copied from the five shilling piece of 1804.

A gold openwork medal commemorating the naval battle off Dominica on April 12 1782 in which Admiral Rodney captured the flagship of the French commander, the Ville de Paris, sold for £3,520 (estimate £1,500-£2,000) to A.Seaby, the London dealer.

Several single campaign medals of this period exist but nobody appears quite to know why they were struck or for whom. Some are multiples but this celebration of Admiral Rodney's valour is hitherto unrecorded and appears to be unique.

The auction also celebrated a more recent campaign, the hunger strike in which suffragette Isabel Kelly collaborated in July 1909. She was awarded one of the rare silver medals issued by the Womens' Social and Political Union "for valour".

Other examples have presentation cases recording that the medal was "in recognition of a gallant action whereby through endurance to the last extremity of hunger and hardship, the great principle of political justice was vindicated". The medal sold for £297 (estimate £100-£150) to D.Hall, a London dealer.

The medal sale made £64,532 with eight per cent left unsold.

At Sotheby's, a sale of arms and armour met exceptionally strong bidding, securing a total of £256,784 with less than one per cent left unsold.

The top price was £9,900 (estimate £3,000-£5,000) for a Russian double-barrelled percussion sporting gun of 1844 with fine decorative finish and its original accoutrements in a handsome walnut case lined with green velvet. It was in pristine condition, apparently unfired and hardly handled.

A Tory icon, Ruskin Spear's portrait of Mrs Margaret Thatcher entitled "True Blue", was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £4,620 (estimate £2,000-£3,000) to an unnamed bidder.

The tonality of the picture is as blue as Spear could get. She wears blue and is painted against a blue backround. The painting was first exhibited at the Royal Academy Summer Show in 1975 and again in 1980 in the Ruskin Spear retrospective.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Londesborough and Miss R. Morris
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Lady Londesborough and the late Lord Londesborough (Jack), of Droitwich, Worcestershire, and Rikki, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Morris, of Bayswater, London.

Mr R.D. Bevacqua and Miss S.A.B. McKay
The engagement is announced between Richard Dominic, elder son of Mr A.V. Bevacqua, of Kensington, London, W14, and Mrs F. Scott, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Sian Amina Boyle, only child of Dr K.B. McKay, of Cobham, Surrey, and of the late Mrs McKay.

Mr W.J.S. Fletcher and Mrs W.G. Blaxland
The marriage has arranged between Wyndham Fletcher, MC, TD, of Bodsham Lodge, Bodsham, and Elizabeth, widow of Major Gregory Blaxland, of Heppington, Canterbury.

Mr D. Greenwell and Miss R.L. Plumbley
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Greenwell, of Northampton, and Rachael, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R. Plumbley, of Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.B.S. Hoghton and Miss S.G. Gillibrand
The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Hoghton, of New Winterton, Westerham, Kent, and Susanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Pharic Gillibrand, of Hamilton, Chilworth, Southampton.

Mr A.R. Kerr and Miss D.M. Grey
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr Frank Kerr, MBE, and Mrs Kerr, of Dorking, Surrey, and Diane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Grey, of Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

Mr P.B. Langford and Mrs C.J. Bishop
The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place between Philip Baber Langford, of Crowborough, Sussex, son of the late Mr and Mrs P.N. Langford, and Catherine Judith Bishop, of Benenden, Kent, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Gibbon.

Mr M.P. McGurk and Miss F.H. Jary
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M. McGurk, of Huyton, Liverpool, and Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Jary, of Windermere, Cumbria.

Mr G.K.W. Savile and Miss P.M. Dudgeon
The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Major and Mrs Derek Savile, of Camberley, Surrey, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Dudgeon, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr G.G. Thomson and Miss R.X. Francklin
The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr and Mrs George Thomson, of New York, and Rose, daughter of Commander and Mrs Philip Francklin, of Gonalston Hall, Nottinghamshire.

Marriages

Mr H.C. Graham-Watson and Miss A.M. Scott
The marriage took place on February 21, at St Mary's Church, Aberfoyle, between Mr Hugh Graham-Watson, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Graham-Watson, of La Massana, Andorra, and Miss Alexandra Scott, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs William Scott of Balfinning, Balfron, Stirlingshire. Canon John Crook officiated, assisted by Mgr John MacDonald. Father Jock Hamilton-Dalrymple gave the address.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Meriel Younger, Thomas and Augusta Steele, Richard and Caroline Rawlings and Marius Graham-Watson. Mr Charles Bingham-Newland was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Mr M.G. Whelan and Miss A.V. Williams
A service of blessing was held on Tuesday, February 24, at Christ Church, Shamley Green, after the marriage in Guildford, Surrey, of Mr Michael Whelan and Miss Anne Williams.

Mr T.A. Wright and Miss F.C. Prescott
The marriage took place on February 28 at the Church of The Holy Rood, Holybourne, of Mr Thomas Wright, son of Dr and Mrs Antony Wright, of Westfield, Sussex, and Miss Fiona Prescott, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Prescott, of Holybourne, Hampshire. The Rev Kenneth Bachell officiated.

The bride was attended by John Prescott, James Miéville, Rory McMullen, Edwina Reid, Katie Miéville, Zoë Prescott and Amanda Grattan.

Kensington Palace luncheon

The Prince of Wales held a luncheon at Kensington Palace yesterday for leading businessmen and women. The guests were:
Mr John Kerridge (Fisons plc), Mr Peter Quinnen (James Capel and Company), Mr David Sainsbury (Sainsbury plc), Mr Christopher Harding (British Nuclear Fuels plc), Mr Graham Day (The Rover Group plc), Mr John Ashcroft (Colorvil Group plc), Mr Alan Sugar (Amstrad plc), Mr John Neill (Unipart Group of Companies), Mrs Jennifer d'Abo (Ryman Limited), Mr Lynn Wilson (Wilson (Connolly) Holdings plc), Mr Richard Branson (Virgin Group plc), Mr Charles Fry (Johnson Fry plc), Sir James Spooner (Costa Vivella plc) and Mr Nigel Rudd (Williams Holdings plc).

Luncheons

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, MP, Deputy Chairman of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, joint treasurer, were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday in the House of Commons by the executive committee of the branch in honour of Commonwealth parliamentarians attending the 1987 parliamentary seminar at Westminster.

British Council
Sir David Orr, Chairman of the British Council, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Spring Gardens to mark the Anglo-Romanian Cultural talks. The Ambassador of Romania and Mr Romulus Neagu, Director of the West European Department of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Leader of the Romanian delegation, were the guests of honour.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new extension to the Headquarters of the Royal Jubilee Trusts at 8 Bedford Row, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust, at 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, St John's Wood, at 11.45

The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Lung Foundation, visits Kentish Town Health Centre, Bartholomew Road, Kentish Town, NW5, to meet doctors and patients connected with National No Smoking Day at 11.

Princess Anne, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, attends a council meeting followed by luncheon at Saddlers' Hall, EC2, at 11.10 and attends a dinner given by The Royal Cruising Club at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, W1, at 7.35.

Birthdays today

Sir David Cairns, 85; Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, 59; the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, 60; Sir Frank Figgures, 77; Professor C.P. Fitzgerald, 85; Mr Rex Harrison, 79; Mr Anthony Hedges, 56; Archbishop Bruno Heim, 76; Mr Richard Hickox, 39; Lord Marshall of Goring, 55; Sir John Marshall, CH, 75; Sir Derek Mitchell, 65; Sir Jack Rumbold, 67; Mr Barry Tuckwell, 56; Mr Des Wilson, 46.

OBITUARY

DR DAVID HAIG
Control of diseases in dogs and sheep

Dr David Haig, OBE, veterinary microbiologist, died on February 21, at the age of 73.

His contributions to his field included the development of a novel dog distemper vaccine, and collaborative work on the transmitting agent of scrapie, a generally fatal disease of sheep. The extraordinary properties of that agent, make it one of the most intriguing subjects of research in current biological science.

David Arthur Haig was born in Johannesburg on March 20, 1913. After qualifying from the Onderstepoort Veterinary School of the University of Pretoria, he spent eight years in the Transvaal and Natal working on bacterial diseases of poultry and cattle.

In 1945 he joined the Virology department at Onderstepoort. There he became expert in many of the diseases which plague animals in Africa.

In 1947 he made one of his most far-reaching discoveries. At that time, dog distemper vaccine was prepared in the United States by attenuation of a strain of the virus, entailing serial passage through ferrets.

Haig found that an attenuated strain would grow in fertile hens' eggs, producing changes in the membrane which were easily recognizable by the naked eye. This provided a method for the cheap production of an unlimited supply of vaccine, independent of the use of animals even for the testing of its potency.

For decades, the "Onderstepoort" distemper virus was the strain used world-wide in the manufacture of commercial vaccines, which were safer and more effective than their predecessors.

After a period at the Kabete Veterinary Laboratory in Kenya, from 1959 to 1961, Haig became head of a new virology department at the Agricultural Research Council's field station at Compton (Berks). Here, he worked on the transmitting agent of scrapie.

At that time the agent was known to have properties that distinguished it from any known virus. Standard virological techniques had failed to reveal its size.

Haig's collaborative work with Clarke, at Compton, and Alper, at the Medical Research Council, Hammersmith Hospital, showed that the agent was too small to contain the nucleic acid core which is an essential part of a "virus", as that term is commonly understood.

That deduction was confirmed by the ultra-violet "action spectrum", worked out in collaboration with Latarjet in Paris.

Because the "central dogma" of molecular biology might have to be modified to accommodate these findings, some workers in the field have been unwilling to accept the accumulating evidence that the scrapie agent is not a "conventional virus". Unfortunately Haig's modesty and self-effacing nature may have contributed to the failure of this important observation to produce a strong impact.

He leaves his widow, Patricia, a son and a daughter.

MR MICHAEL WARRE

Mr Michael Warre, actor and designer, who died on February 13, aged 64, was an uncommonly versatile man of the theatre, especially in work on the classics.

He was in the Old Vic company during three of its famous seasons at the New Theatre (now the Albery), and was regarded as a player with surprising reserves of emotion.

Born on June 18, 1922, he was educated at Eton and studied under John Fernald at the London Mask Theatre School. His first part, at seventeen, was in *The Count of Monte Cristo* in the dramatic ocean-side setting of the Minack Theatre at Porthcurno, in Cornwall.

By 1943 he was appearing (at the Theatre Royal, York) as Petruchio and Hamlet; and he also designed scenery for the London Theatre, notably for three plays by James Bridie.

As an actor he was valuable in the Old Vic repertory where, in 1944, he played Hastings in *Richard III* (with Olivier as Richard); and, in 1945, a commanding Prince Hal in both parts of *Henry IV*.

He went to New York with the Vic company in 1946, and that autumn, back in London, had the part of Edgar to Olivier's Lear. For the Vic he designed *Richard II* and *St Joan*. He was also praised for his scenic work at the Arts Theatre.

Among his later acting work his Andrei in *Three Sisters* (Aldwych, 1951), drew attention, and he had a variety of parts (Christopher Sly among them) for the Stratford upon Avon company for which he toured Europe as Menas in *Antony and Cleopatra*.

After 1948 he did much more directing and designing, and between 1957 and 1959 he went to theatres in the Netherlands and Belgium. During 1968 he designed for the Chichester Festival.

He was responsible, in 1963, for a new adaptable theatre for LAMDA where he also taught, designed and directed.

He was married to Isabel Herrin.

MR MICHAEL CHRISTIAN

Mr Michael Christian, an American who had an outstanding rowing career in the United States and this country, and took part in a memorable Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, died recently. He was 49.

He was in the Harvard lightweight crews of 1958, 1959 and 1960, being unbeaten in the United States, and he won the Thames Cup at Henley Royal Regatta in all those three years.

He was captain of the 1960 crew which broke the event course record.

In 1960-1 he was Fiske scholar at Trinity College, Cambridge, and together with a fellow Harvard oarsman, formed the stern pair of the successful 1961 Cambridge Boat Race crew.

In a dramatic race Cambridge - though not favourites and having been led off the start - held Oxford around the outside of the Hammersmith bend, passed them at Chiswick steps and went on to win convincingly.

After Harvard Law School Christian spent some time in Africa, and then returned to America where he practised in Boston, Mass, before going into business and finance.

MR ESMOND KNIGHT

Roland Hardless writes:

May I add a few words to your comprehensive obituary of Esmond Knight?

His first love was indeed the theatre, but the second was painting.

This started in a small way when he was almost blind and working at Stratford; a fellow actor suggested he take up drawing.

Most of his paintings were done from memory, and the impression one derives from them is a sense of his experience in the theatre and knowledge of history.

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Science report

Breaking the vicious circle to pneumonia

By John Newell

Only about one in a hundred of the half million people who contract flu in an average year in the United Kingdom actually die of it, and most of them die from secondary bacterial infections causing more severe symptoms, those of pneumonia.

Now German research has revealed why pneumonia, caused by one particular strain of bacteria infecting the lungs after flu, is especially deadly, so much so that 42 per cent of those infected die of it.

The reason is that unless infection is brought under control early by the immune sytem then each infection, bacterial and viral, encourages the other in a vicious circle.

If a flu virus infecting someone differs from the last virus to which the person was exposed, especially if the new infection is with one of the radically new strains which appear every 30 years or so, then the person may have only a low level of immunity against the new virus. If it is a radically new strain, then he or she may have no immunity at all.

In either case there will be a vulnerable period after the virus has entered the lungs and begun to infect cells while the immune system works frantically to mass produce white cells which are able to identify and kill the virus.

That period is potentially deadly. During it the virus is able to multiply with enormous rapidity. But so as to multiply, a virus particle has to enter and take over control of a human cell.

A virus particle is only a set of genetic instructions for making more virus wrapped in a protective protein coat. Once the viral genes are inside a cell they have ingenious mechanisms for taking over control of the cell and instructing it to make many more particles. But only a small proportion of the virus particles we inhale if someone with flu coughs and sneezes near us ever get into our cells.

The reason is that in order for them to do so a particular protein on the surface of the virus, haemaglutinin, has to be activated. Haemaglutinin molecules on the surface of virus particles have to be cut into two parts by a protein splitting enzyme, a protease to activate them.

Normally the protease required is in limited supply. This is the limiting factor on the rate at which flu virus particles can infect cells and so limits the rate at which the virus can reproduce. This means that usually not too much damage has been caused to lung tissue by the time that the immune system has been mobilised in a counter-attack on the virus.

But bacteria are swift to exploit lung tissue damage by virus infection. If one particular bacterium, *Staphylococcus aureus*, infects the lungs after a flu infection, then it often causes pneumonia which is very serious. Nearly half of those infected die from it.

Now researchers in the Virology Institute in Giesen and the Hygiene Institute in Cologne, West Germany have shown why *S. aureus* is so deadly.

What the bacterium does is to produce a protease which cleaves and so activates haemagglutinin on the surfaces of flu virus particles, thus enabling far more of the particles to affect cells and to multiply. This means that many more cells are damaged and so become vulnerable to infection with *S. aureus*, which in turn produces more protease, so still more virus particles infect cells and multiply, enabling more bacteria to infect the lungs and produce still more protease.

The vicious circle is hard to interrupt once established, especially in elderly people and infants, who are most at risk.

But the discovery could help in preventing and treating pneumonia after flu. If tests revealed that elderly or infant flu victims are infected with *S. aureus* then antibiotic treatment may be needed urgently. It may also be possible to develop drugs from known compounds which block the effects of proteases, thus preventing bacteria from encouraging viral infections and breaking the vicious cycle.

Source: *Nature*, February 5, 1987, p536.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Let all thos that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.
Psalm 40 : 16

BIRTHS

ANNAN - On February 26th 1987, to Lesley (née Freeman) and Roger, a daughter, Victoria Sarah.

ARBUTHNOTT - On February 17th 1987, to Jennifer (née Arden-White) and Charles, a daughter, Kezia Loodoe.

ARBUTHNOTT - On March 3rd, to Lindsay (née Sillars) and Charles, a daughter, Molly Victoria.

BARBER - On March 3rd, to Veronica and Ronald a son, Jonathon.

BRAWN - On February 23rd, to Pamela and Tim, a son, William Robert Henry, a brother, for Alice.

COMBES - On March 3rd, to Christine (née Kelley) and Roger, the gift of a daughter, Emma Margaret.

DIAMOND - On March 3rd, to Melinda and Kevin, a son, Hugh Edward, a brother for Kieran.

DODD - On February 27th, at Gravesend Hospital, to Jane (née Parry) and Tom, a daughter, Emma Caroline, a sister for Felix.

FOYLE - On February 25th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Catherine (née Jelleyman) and Christopher, a daughter, Christine Emma Marie.

GARROD - On March 1st, to Chrissie (née Roundhill) and Douglas, a daughter, Claudia Elizabeth, a sister for William.

GRIFFITHS - On March 2nd, to Sarah Jane (née Stephens) and Nigel, a daughter (Kate Jane), a sister for Oliver, Hugh and David.

HANSFORD - On March 1st, to Susan (née Wright) and John, a son James, a brother for, Emma and Sophy.

HOLDEN - On March 2nd, to Katherine (née Matthias) and Edward, a son, William Edward George.

HOWELL - On March 2nd, in Cambridge, to Sally (née Rhodes) and Robert, twin daughters.

MCLEAN - On March 1st 1987, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Margaret and Hamish, a daughter (Alison Elizabeth), a grand daughter for Callum and Elizabeth of the Brae.

MOORE - On February 18th, to Linda (née Worsfold) and Oliver, a son Edward Anthony, at St Luke's Guilford.

MUIR-MACKENZIE - On March 1st, 1987, to Susie and Alexander a daughter.

O'LOGHLEN - On March 4th, in Worcester to Sue (née Woistenholme) and Niall, a son Dominic John, brother for Laura and Kate.

PHILLIPS - On February 24th, to Sarah (née Moloney) and Roger, a son, Joseph Charles Patrick, a brother for Benedict.

RHS-JOHANNESSEN - On March 4th, in Oslo, to Jackie (née Collin) and Biorn, a daughter, a sister for Emma and Thomas.

SOLARI - On February 28th, at Whipps Cross Hospital, to Jacqueline (née Gale) and Sergio, a daughter, Eloise, a sister to Laura and Anna. Famiglia at completo.

WARNE - On March 2nd, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital to Penelope and Anthony, a daughter, Sarah Natasha Penelope, a sister for William.

WILLCOCKS - On March 3rd, to Gillie (née Steele-Bodger) and James, a son, Douglas Tom.

WOOD - On February 21st 1987, in Chichester, to Anne E.B. (née Care) and William, a son, Peter James Boyd, brother to Andrew.

MARRIAGES

HAMILTON FAIRLEY:KYLE At Newkilpatrick Registry Office on February 16th 1987 Hans, son of Dr and Mrs J Hamilton Fairley, Reading to Alison, daughter of Dr and Mrs A Kyle, Glasgow.

DEATHS

AGNEW - On 3rd March, Lt. Colonel Charles David, late 15th/19th. The Kings Royal Hussars beloved husband of Lorna (Bill) dearly loved father of Susan, Richard and Vanda. Funeral at All Saints Church, Bolton Percy, York, on Monday 9th March 9th, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only: Donations if desired to: Bilbrough Church. C/O.F Yeomans Esq. Lingcroft, Bilbrough, York.

ARGENT - On February 27th 1987, Albert Victor, late of, 39 Mimaton Close, Peckham, peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Clapham. Funeral at Trinity Congregational Church, Brixton, on Monday March 9th, at 11am. Mourned by family and friends. Enquiries to Ashton Funeral Service. 01 274 5425.

ARMSTRONG - On January 27th 1987, in New Zealand, Sir Andrew St. Clare, aged 74, 5th Baronet.

ARNOLD - On February 24th, 1987, peacefully at Abercorn House, Fernhill Road, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey GU17 9HS, aged 95. Norah Marguerite (Sister), much loved by her many patients. Funeral private.

BANHAM - On Tuesday March 3rd,1987, peacefully at Amesbury Abbey, Wiltshire, Barbara Cunliffe (Betty), widow of the late Cecil Banham of Royston. Funeral Service on Monday March 9th 1987, at 3pm. at Salisbury Crematorium.

BASKERVILLE - On February 28th, peacefully at home, Eric, beloved husband of Heather, loved father of Paul, Neil, Peta and father-in-law to Pat, Judith and Paul, and proud Grandpa of Daniel, Claire, Alex, Katherine, Nicola, Carl, Jenny, Anthony and Oliver. Funeral Service at 1.00pm, on Monday, March 9th at Holy Trinity Church, Sheen Park, Richmond, followed by burial at Richmond Cemetery, Grove Road, Richmond. Flowers to T.H. Sanders and Sons, 28 & 30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.

BRILL - On February 25th 1987, Livia Lily in her 92nd year, wife of the late, Otto Brill of Vienna. Loving and beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother of Eva, Agatha, Hans, Erami, Gustave, Francesca, Pippa, Marius, Verena, Sasha and Oliver. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium Friday 6th, at 12 o'clock.

CORMACK - On March 2nd, suddenly but peacefully in Guernsey, Margaret (Peg), widow of Robert Cormack F.R.C.S., formerly of Ayrshire and latterly St.Peter Port, Guernsey, beloved mother of Christopher, Griselda and Peter, and much loved grandmother. Funeral 10am March 10th, The Town Church, St. Peter Port. Family flowers only: donations to RNLI c/o Harbourmaster, St. Peter Port.

DALRYMPLE-HAY - On March 4th 1987, peacefully at home with his family, Hugh Brereton Dalrymple-Hay, aged 86. Lt. Col., D.S.O., Second Royal Lancers (Indian Cavalry) retired. Dearly loved husband of Gwendyth (Wendy), father of Janet, uncle of James, John and Ronald, grandfather of Jo, Sophie and Lucie. Funeral at St. Marys Church, Woodbridge on Monday March 9th, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for St. Marys Church Fabric Fund or St Elizabeth Hospice Appeal, C/O E.B. Sutton and Sons Ltd., 24 St Johns St, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

DOWEK - On March 1st in London, Victor, dearly loved husband of Nelly, father of Sammy, Ronny and Michael. Funeral has taken place in the Hoop Lane Cemetery, NW11. He will be deeply missed.

ELLIS - On March 1st 1987, peacefully at her home in Peterborough, in her 90th year, Margery Shipley O.B.E., Funeral service at Peterborough Cathedral at 11.45am, Tuesday March 10th, followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired may be sent to, The British Red Cross Society, c/o The Red Cross Office, Bramley Close, New England, Peterborough.

FOSBROOKE-HOBBES - On March 3rd 1987, peacefully in hospital, Mary Olaboh, aged 94, widow of the late Major Adrian Fosbrooke-Hobbes M.C., Beloved mother, grandmother and friend. Funeral at All Souls Church, South Ascot, 2.30pm, Tuesday March 10th. Simple flowers only please or donations, if desired, made payable to: All Souls Church, South Ascot.

GOSSU - On February 26th, suddenley of a heart attack aged 62, Samuel M. Valued member of staff at Gosport Hospital, Wexall formerly of C.S.I. Hospital, Medak, S. India. Funeral at Methodist Chapel, Cootpool Lane, Walsall at 2.15pm, Tuesday March 10th. Afterwards at Gosport Hospital, Walsall.

GRANT - On Monday March 2nd, peacefully at West Mersey, William Russell, aged 77 years. Funeral service at St.Peter and St.Paul Church, West Mersey, Tuesday March 10th, 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu if desired for: West Mersey Inshore Rescue Boat, c/o J.K. May Funeral Service, No. 8, Mill Road, West Mersey, Colchester, Essex. Tel: (0206) 382255.

HAVERY - On March 2nd, at home, aged 85, Constance Eleanor, beloved wife of, Joseph Herion Havery, of West Chiltington, Sussex, and mother of Elizabeth and Richard. Memorial service to be arranged.

HERBERT - On February 27th, at St. George's Nursing Home, Ferndown, Dorset. The Hon. Isabella Russell (née Rea) in her 90th year, beloved wife of the late Judge J. Basil Herbert M.C., Q.C. and mother of Carola, Beevor and Phoebe Van Oss. Funeral private.

HOLLAND-HIBBERT - On March 3rd, in St.Luke's Hospital, Oxford, peacefully, Isabel Audrey, wife of the late Honourable Wilfrid Holland-Hibbert, aged 95. Funeral, Monday March 9th, at 11.30am, at Beckley Parish Church, near Oxford. No flowers. Donations to the Church.

HOW - On March 3rd 1987, Mary, aged 46 years, after a long illness, so bravely fought, beloved wife to Raymond, loving and wonderful mother to, Jeremy and Victoria, dear friend to so many, your sunshine and love surrounds us all and will always be with us. Service at West Chiltington on Tuesday March 10th, at 1.30pm. No flowers, but donations, if desired, for 'The Mary How Trust For Cancer Prevention', C/O Barclays Bank, Pulborough.

JORDAN - On March 2nd 1987, peacefully at home, Evelyn (née Tod), loving and much loved wife of Captain RL Jordan OBE, RN, mother of Marion and Tromble, grandmother of David and Jenny. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday March 5th at 1pm. Family service only. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

KIRKCALDIE - On March 2nd, peacefully, Robert Lowrie, beloved husband of Jean and father of Rose, Robert, Hilary and James. Funeral service, Kimbolton Parish Church, on Friday March 6th, at 10.45. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the, Exeter Leukaemia Fund, c/o Dr Lee, Department of Haematology, Royal Devon and Exeter (Wonford) Hospital, Exeter.

LAWTON CLARK - On March 3rd, peacefully in Hospital, Alice (née Reeve), dearly loved wife of Lawton, mother of Jean and David, grandmother of Belinda, Christopher and Fiona, Cremation at Eastbourne, March 11th, at 12 noon. Cut flowers only please. All enquiries to Mummery FD, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

LOCK - On February 28th, at St Thomas' Hospital, David Michael, beloved son of, Ruth and Robin, brother of Adrian, Sheila, Diana and Martin. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Hampton, on Friday March 6th, at 11am. No flowers please, but if desired donations to, Friend of St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1.

MACFEAT - On March 1st 1987, peacefully at Lyndoch Nursing Home, Edinburgh, Maud Mary Chesty, beloved wife of the late, Colonel Peter Donald MacFeat. Service in Christ Church, St.James, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, at 12 noon on, Monday March 9th. Cremation thereafter private.

PEPPIATT - On March 3rd 1987, peacefully at home in Wimbledon, Cicely, widow of Leslie Peppiatt and dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Stephens Church, Richmond Road, East Twickenham 5pm. on Monday March 9th, 1987.

REMNY-TAILYOUR - On February 26th, Stella Isabella Louise, aged 90. Funeral at Nazareth House, Isleworth, on Wednesday, March 11th, at 11.00am.

SOLE - On February 28th, peacefully at Bacon House, Tisbury, Dorinda aged 92 years, widow of Canon William Sole. Service at All Saints Church, Cruidwell, 1.45pm, Monday March 9th. No flowers by request. Donations to: Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Bevirs Solicitors, Calne, Wilts.

TUPHOLME - On February 28th, suddenley, Michael Seymour (M.S.T.) B.A., Oxon of Homerton House, Winchester, formerly of Sunningdale School. Funeral service at St. Marys Chapel, Chesil House, Winchester, on Tuesday March 10th, at 10.30am. Family flowers only, enquires to John Steel & Son, Winchester 63198.

WARING - On February 28th, at her home at Dartmeet, Anne Elizabeth Thedal (née Faithfull), aged 79 years. Mother of Patrick and grandmother of Hugo, Lucinda and Marcus. Funeral private. No flowers, but donations if desired, to Guide Dogs For The Blind, Exeter Branch. A memorial service will be held at Lewdon Church on, Thursday May 14th, at 11.30am. Enquires to Patrick Waring, 13 Berkeley Court, Coley Avenue, Reading.

WEEKES - On March 1st, suddenly, Christine (Pips), greatly loved wife of Geoffrey. Funeral service at St Mary's, Woodford, 1pm, Monday March 9th, followed by cremation at City of London Cemetery at 1.50pm. Flowers to 34 Seagry Road, London, E11 2NH.

WINTERS - On March 3rd 1987, David, aged 56 years, of, 1 Marine Terrace Mews, Brighton, Inquires to Attree and Kent Ltd, Funeral Directors, Tel: Brighton (0273) 688228.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BUTT - A thanksgiving service for F.E.Butt, will be held on March 13th, 12.30pm, at St.Mary's Church, Arthur Road, Wimbledon.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

MURPHY - Stanislaus, On March 5th 1986, my darling Pop. A good man. My dearest friend. Forever loved and missed.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLARK nee GALE, MARY MARGARET CLARK nee GALE, WIDOW late of 9 Edinburgh Drive, Didcot, Oxfordshire died in Wallingford, Oxfordshire on 10th July 1986.

(Estate about £47,000)

COOPER, FAITH COOPER, SPINSTER late of 3 Revis Almshouses, Church Passage, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire died At Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire on 7th September 1986.

(Estate about £20,000)

CROSS, REGINALD GEORGE CROSS late of 56 Ringwood Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex died At Eastbourne on 17th February 1986.

(Estate about £30,000)

DAVIS otherwise **ARCHER-DAVIS, LESLIE EDWARD DAVIS** otherwise **LESLIE EDWARD ARCHER-DAVIS** late of Shepherds, Rothwyfield Grays, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire died At Reading, Berkshire on 6th October 1986.

(Estate about £55,000)

REEVES, LEONARD REEVES late of 235 Broadford Road, Maypole Hill, Birmingham died At Birmingham on 10th April 1986.

(Estate about £55,310)

SHANNON nee **HINDLEY, ELLEN SHANNON** nee **HINDLEY, WIDOW** late of Flat 2, 36 Caldecot Hill, Upper Holloway, London N19 died At Whittington Hill, London N19 on 9th April 1986.

(Estate about £25,000)

SWIATENKO, MYKOLA SWIATENKO late of 8 Westdale Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire died There on 11th August 1982.

(Estate about £19,000)

TRETIAK otherwise **WALTERS, DIMITRY TRETIAK** otherwise **JAMES WALTERS** late of 5 Deane Court, James Street, Gillingham, Kent died in Chatham, Kent on 27th January 1984.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ANATOL:** Schnitzler's bittersweet, worldly-wise scenes in *the life of a Viennese philanderer.* **Gate Theatre Club,** Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, London W11 (01-229 0706). Tube: Notting Hill. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, £4 plus £1 membership, until March 28.

☆ ***THE ARKLEY BARNET SHOW:*** Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket present their refined *medley of ballads and bared teeth.* **Comedy Theatre,** Panton Street, London SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: *Piccadilly Circus.* Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Sat 5.30-7.45pm, £4-£10.

☆ ***DECADENCE:*** *Revival of Steven* Berkoff's ferocious study of the upper classes. With Linda Marlowe. *Limited season, proving very popular.* **Wyndham's Theatre,** Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinée Sat 5-6.40pm, £4.50-£10.50, until April 25.

★ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the *film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter.* **Victoria Palace Theatre,** Victoria Street, London SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **KATHIE AND THE HIPPOPOTAMUS:** The uses of *fantasy in a travel-writer's diary.* Award-winner from Edinburgh by the Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa. **Almeida Theatre,** Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury and Islington. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £6, until March 28.



Cole Porter was the greatest American songwriter of this century. If you want proof then go to *High Society* at the Victoria Palace, and listen to Angela Richards sing "In The Still Of The Night", a song in which the difference between music, words and meaning is erased. Among other additions to the original score is the interesting song, "Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love, (They Just Like To Kick It Around)".

★ **LADY DAY:** Dee Dee Bridgewater sings the sad tale of Billie Holiday. **Donmar Warehouse,** 41 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-240 8230, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 6-8.10pm and 8.30-10.40pm, £6-£11.50, until April 4.

☆ **MR AND MRS NOBODY:** The home life of the Posters. Imaginatively staged and not too cosy too often. Judi Dench and Michael Williams a beguiling *couple.* **Garrick Theatre,** Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: *Leicester Square.* Mon-Fri 7.30-9.40pm, Sat 8.10-10.10pm, matinée Tue 3-5.10pm, Sat 5-7.10pm, £7.50-£12.50, until March 14.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story; a limited viewpoint but still effective. **Apollo Theatre,** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm, £4-£11.50, extended until March 21.

☆ **SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR:** Previews of Pirandello's most famous play; powerful mix of metaphysics and theatrical shocks. **National Theatre (Olivier),** South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. 7.15-9.30pm, £5.50-£9.

☆ **WONDERFUL TOWN:** Marvellous Maureen Lipman in Bernstein's zippy musical. Last weeks. **Queens Theatre,** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 0120/1166/7 or 01-439 3849). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm, £6-£16, until March 28.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** *Mayfair Theatre* (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, *cc 01-379 6433*) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 9845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ☆ **A Piece of My Mind:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols' new play covering 20 years in a writer's life. **Theatre Royal,** Sawclose (0225 *65065*), *Mon-Wed 7.30-9.55pm,* Thurs-Sat 8-10.25pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.55pm, Sat 4.30-6.55pm, *£1.50-£12, until March 7.*

BURY ST EDMUNDS: ☆ **Peer Gynt:** Michael Maloney plays Ibsen's feckless hero in this Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production. **Theatre Royal,** Westgate Street (0284 69505). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£5.50, until March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted. **Greenwich Theatre,** Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, until March 14.

LEICESTER: ★ **All's Well That Ends Well:** The dark side of *Shakespeare's comedy; chance to* see a rarely performed play. **Haymarket Studio Theatre,** Belgrave Gate (0533 539797) Mon-Thurs 7.45-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-11pm, £3, until March 11.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Alchemist:** Ben Jonson's sharp comedy of dupes and swindlers in Jacobean London. **Royal Exchange Theatre,** Cross Street (061-833 9833) Mon-Thurs *7.30-10.25pm, Fri and Sat* 8-10.55pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.20pm, Sat 4-6.50pm. £2.50-£9, *until March 28.*

MANCHESTER: ☆ **March of the Falsettos:** Zippy, witty musical by William Finn concerning the home life of New York bisexuals. **Library Theatre,** Central Library, St Peter's Square (061-236 7110). Mon-Thurs 7.30-8.45pm, Fri and Sat 6-7.15pm and 8.30-9.45pm, £3-£4.20, *until March 7.*

MANCHESTER ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company. **Palace Theatre,** Oxford Street (061 236 9922/9926) *Henry IV Part One* Sat 11-2pm, *Henry IV Part Two* today 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 3.30-6.30pm, *Henry V* Fri 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 8-11pm, £4.50-£9.50.

RICHMOND: ☆ **Largo Desolato:** Vaclav Havel's play about the *tribulations of a dissident.* With Geoffrey Beevers. **Orange Tree,** 45 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey (01-940 3633) Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée Sat 5-7pm, £2.50-£5, until March 7.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ ***Rat in the Skull:*** Revised version of Ron Hutchinson's play about how an Irish bomber suspect came to be injured in a police cell. **Crucible Theatre Studio,** 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, £3.50, until March 21.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ ***Road:*** *First stage in a* four-week tour of Jim Cartwright's scorching account of life and sex in *dead-end Britain.* **The Swan,** Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, *matinée* Sat 3.30-5.50pm, £4-£8, until March 14.

FILMS

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BACK TO SCHOOL (15): Collegiate hi-jinks with a new twist — a middle-aged, self-made millionaire enrols as a freshman to encourage his son. With Rodney Dangerfield, Sally Kellerman; directed by Alan *Metter* (96 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.
Odeon Marble Arch *(01-723 2011).* Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin). Nominated for five Oscars (113 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
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CONCERTS

☆ ***THE WINNER:*** *Xue Wei, winner* of last year's Carl Flesch Prize, plays violin sonatas by Brahms (Op *108), Richard Strauss (Op 18),* Chausson's *Poème,* Ravel's *Tzigane.* Andrew Ball is at the *piano.*
Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London EC2, 6.30-9pm, £3.50 (£8.50 non members).

☆ **BEETHOVEN/SIBELIUS:** Franz Welser-Möst conducts the LPO in Beethoven's Symphony No 6 "Pastoral" and the Sibelius Violin Concerto (soloist, Elmar Oliveira). **Festival Hall,** South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30-9.20pm, £2-£15.

☆ **VILLA-LOBOS CENTENARY:** To *mark the exact centenary of the* birth of composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, Julian Bream plays his *complete guitar output.* **Wigmore Hall,** 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £5-£15.

☆ **PARK LANE QUARTETS:** The Park Lane Group's string quartet *series continues with the Roth* Quartet performing Haydn's Quarter Op 20 No 1, Bartók's No 3, *Hans Gal's No 3, and giving the* London première of Nicholas Simpson's Quartet. **Purcell Room,** *South Bank, London* SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30-9.30pm, £2.50-£4.

☆ **PRETRE/LSO:** The LSO is conducted by George Prêtre in Debussy's *La Mer,* Ravel's *Alborada del Gracioso, Une Barque sur l'Océan* and Ravel's orchestration of the Mussorgsky *Pictures at an Exhibition.* **Barbican Centre,** Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.

DANCE

☆ **FOOL'S DAY:** Robert North appears as guest in his new work *for Janet Smith and Dancers.* Programme also includes two new works by Smith. **Shaw Theatre,** Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394), 7.30-9.45pm, £5 (£3 unwaged).

☆ **RED STEPS:** London Contemporary Dance Theatre dance Siobhan's Davies' latest work together with Robert North's *Troy Game* and Robert Cohan's *Interrogations.* **Apollo Theatre,** *George Street,* Oxford (0865 244544), 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£7.50.

★ **THE SNOW QUEEN:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in David Bintley's staging of the Hans Andersen story. **Grand Theatre,** New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£12.50.

OPERA

★ **NORMA:** Margaret Price is the main attraction of this conventionally staged production, sympathetically conducted by Sir John Pritchard. **Royal Opera House,** Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£40.

☆ **MIKADO:** G & S's romp transplanted by Jonathan Miller from Japan to a very English 1920s hotel, white on white. **English National Opera,** Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.10pm, £2-£12.50.

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** the G & S mock-melodrama elegantly and wittily staged by Ian Judge in a mock *Victorian theatre interior, and* conducted with élan by Simon Phipps. **New Sadler's Wells Opera,** Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£16.50.

☆ **UN BALLO IN MASCHERA:** Göran Järvefelt's production for *WNO revived with Christine Teare* as the Amelia. **Welsh National Opera,** New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), 7.15-10pm, £5-£14.

★ **JULIETTA:** students of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama enterprisingly present what they claim to be only the second *British production of Martinu's* opera, otherwise known as *The Key of Dreams.* **Guildhall School,** Barbican, Silk Street, London EC1 (01-628 2571), 7-10pm, free.

☆ **FROM THE HOUSE OF THE DEAD:** David Pountney's harrowing production of Janacek Dostoevsky's opera in its first run north of the border. Richard Armstrong conducts as he did when the production was new at Welsh National. Not to be missed. **Scottish Opera,** Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£19.

ROCK

☆ **DOUBLE O BENEFIT:** A showcase to raise money for Pete Townshend's Heroin Victims' Support Project, featuring the *Boogie Brothers Blues Band, the* Ya Yas, the Hackney Five O and Salvation Sunday. A pair of Keith *Moon's drumsticks to be sold by* auction. **Dingwalls,** Camden Lock, London NW1 (01-267 4967), 8pm, admission by donation (£5 suggested).

★ **SPANDAU BALLET:** Back so soon after their Christmas shows! The stadium-soul sound of the boys from Potters Bar. **Whitley Bay Ice Rink,** Hillheads Road (0632 526240), 8pm. £9.

☆ **KATRINA AND THE WAVES:** It is a year since the fresh-faced "*Walking on Sunshine*" crew played in Britain. **Mean Fiddler,** 28A Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490), 8pm, £5, for three nights.

★ **BIG AUDIO DYNAMITE:** Another sell out concert underlines the diverse cosmopolitan appeal of Mick Jones' hip-rock medicine show. **Astoria,** Charing Cross Road, London W1 (01-437 1801), 7.30pm, £6 (50p refund with *UB40*).

☆ **ICICLE WORKS:** Liverpudlian trio with an assured sense of the modern guitar rock idiom.

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The City of London Sinfonia is illustrating creative and personal links between Benjamin *Britten and Dmitri Shostakovich in a festival* devoted to their music that begins this evening. Besides artistic sympathies the two composers shared a lengthy friendship and spent time together both here and in Russia. They met for *the first time in Moscow in 1960 at a* performance of the Cello Concerto No 1, by Shostakovich (right), to be heard in the festival's second concert next Wednesday. Its rendition by cellist Rostropovich, for whom it *was written, inspired Britten (left) to compose* his Cello Symphony which, with Steven Isserlis as soloist, ends tonight's programme. The other main work this evening is Shostakovich's Concerto for Piano, Trumpet and Strings, with Howard Shelley and Crispian Steele-Perkins. Besides Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No 1, with Robert Cohen as soloist, the March 11 programme includes Britten's folksong suite *A Time There Was* and his *Cantata Misericordium.* On March 19 the Endellion Quartet play Britten's Quartet No 3; Steven Isserlis plays in Shostakovich's Cello Sonata, and Douglas Boyd in Britten's Oboe Quartet. The festival ends on April 2 with Shostakovich's Symphony No 14, which he dedicated to Britten "as a token of profound respect". Richard Hickox, director of the festival, will conduct all the orchestral concerts, and the festival is at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, from this evening (01-928 3191), 7.45pm, £3.50-£7. *Max Harrison*

Town and Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 9334), 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **THE CULT:** *Having abandoned all* arty pretensions, Ian Astbury and Co have emerged as a full-blown heavy rock act. **Edinburgh Playhouse,** 18-21 Greenside Place (031-557 2590), 6.30pm, £5.50-£6.

☆ **TED HAWKINS:** The 50-year-old *ex-busker from LA is still watching* his step. Great singer. **Newcastle University Students Union,** King's Walk (091-232 8402), 7.30pm, £3.

JAZZ

☆ **STAN TRACEY:** His full 15-piece orchestra performs Tracey's latest extended work, inspired by the Book of Genesis. Highly recommended. **Ronnie Scott's Club,** 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £6).

☆ **CHARLIE ROUSE:** A long-time accomplice of Thelonious Monk, this superb tenorist is at the height of his powers. **Band on the Wall,** 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061-834 1786), 8.30pm, £4-£5.

☆ **GENE CONNORS:** Nicknamed "The Mighty Flea", this good-natured singer and trombonist is a veteran of the Lionel Hampton and Johnny Otis bands. **Pizza Express,** 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6.

GALLERIES

TONY CRAGG: 18 recent sculptures or, strictly speaking, constructions assembled from waste materials by a British artist better known abroad than at home. **Hayward Gallery,** South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-261 0127). Mon-Wed 10-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 12-6pm, £3, until June 7.

LE CORBUSIER: Draughts, models and paintings by this modern architect par excellence brought together to celebrate the centenary of his birth. **Hayward Gallery,** South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-261 0127). Mon-Wed 10-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 12-6pm, £3, until June 7.

LILIANE LIJN: Two extraordinary sculptures incorporating lasers by an artist who has previously used light and prisms. **Fischer Fine Art,** 30 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 3942), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until April 3.

MOSKVORETSKY: Paintings and drawings by Tabitha Salmon of a *Moscow suburb where she spent* two months. **Morley Gallery,** 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 (01-928 8501), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, free, until April 2.

ROBERT ADAM: 70 drawings relating to Kedleston Hall whose interiors are considered this architect's masterpiece. **Heinz Gallery,** 21 Portman Square, London W1 (01-580 5533), Mon-Fri 11-5pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until April 11.

BASIL BEATTIE: Recent abstract paintings by one of the runners-up in this year's Athena Art Awards. **Curwen Gallery,** 4 Windmill Street, London W1 (01-636 1459), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10.30-1pm, free, until March 28.

WALKS

THE LONDON DICKENS KNEW: meet Blackfriars tube, 11am, £2.25.
SHAKESPEARE AND THE SOUTH BANK: meet Blackfriars tube, 2pm, £2.25.
CHAUCER'S HIDDEN ALLEYS BEHIND THE OLD GATE: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

TALKS

BUSINESS AMAZONS: Talk by Dr Leah Hertz, entrepreneur and academic, for the Friends of the Fawcett Library. **University Women's Club,** 2 Audley Square, London W1 (01-283 1030), 6.30pm, £2, members £1.

THE CURRENT AGRICULTURAL SITUATION: Lecture by Sir Richard Butler, *President of the Farmers* Union from 1979-86. **Uppingham School,** Rutland (0572 823522), 7.30pm, free.

REMBRANDT — PROBLEMS OF CONNOISSEURSHIP: Talk by Gregory Martin, senior partner with Christie's Art Auctioneers. **University of Newcastle upon Tyne,** Curtis Auditorium, School of Physics (091-232 8511), 5.30pm, free.

WHICH SIDE OF THE FENCE?: *Informal gallery talk by Stuart* Brisley in connection with the current exhibition. **Imperial War Museum,** Lambeth Road, London SE1 (01-735 8922), 2.30pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

EAST ANGLIA SPRING ANTIQUES FAIR: Features country sporting items, including a Victorian hunting horn, a silk top hat in leather case, *leg-of-mutton gun case, creels,* stirrup cups and hunting prints. **The Athenaeum,** Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, 2pm-8pm, adult £1, child 50p.

CARIBBEAN EVENING: Readings from the *Penguin Book of Caribbean Verse* presented by the editor, Paula Burnett, performed by "He and She" — Marc Matthews and Zena Puddy. **The Poetry Society,** National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7861), 7.30pm. Adult £2, child £1.50.

MUSEUM OF LONDON WORKSHOP: *Informal talks with a* member of the museum staff and an opportunity to look at items from *the collections.* Today's topic "Roman Burials". **Museum of London,** London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 1.10pm, free.

BL FILMS: "Artists in Print: Screenprinting, *Prints and* Reproduction" (11am); "Beowulf" (2pm). ***Seminar Room,*** *British Library,* Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544), free.

THE DECORATIVE ANTIQUES AND TEXTILES FAIR: Second day of the specialist fair with dealers selling unusual and rare decorative items, furniture, accessories. **Hotel Russell,** Russell Square, London WC1, 11am-8pm, admission £2 includes catalogue, accompanied child free.

RSPB FILM SHOW: Touring programme of five films about *birdlife and bird watching.* **The Athenaeum Theatre,** Derry's Cross, Plymouth, Devon (01752 *266104*), 7.30*pm*, adult £2, child £1.20.

RHS PRACTICAL GARDENING DEMONSTRATIONS: Experts give advice on how to grow alpines under glass. **RHS Gardens,** Wisley, near Ripley, Surrey (0483 224234), 2pm-3.30pm, gardens open 10am-sunset, adult £2, child £1.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NOTTINGHAM OPERA POPS: Booking open for Opera Gala Night by Opera North at the Nottingham Festival, with Helen Field, Jerome *Pruett, and Tomasz Bugaj. May 26.* Also Strauss Gala on June 1. **Royal Concert Hall,** Nottingham. *Opera North hotline:* (0532 445326).

SPIN OF THE WHEEL: New musical by Geoff Morrow, based on TV game show, opening in London's West End on April 7, with cast including Neil McCaul, Maria Friedman and Teddy Kempner. **Comedy Theatre,** Panton Street, London SW1 (01-930 2578).

LAST CHANCE

CLAUDIUS JAMES RICH 1788-1820: *Joint exhibition with the* British Library of Near Eastern treasures and manuscripts, to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of the collector/diplomat. Ends Sunday. **British Museum,** Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555/8).

PAULINE VINCENT: Oils of misty Suffolk landscapes contrast strident colours of the Egyptian landscapes and architecture depicted in the work of co-exhibitor Tessa Newcomb. Until Saturday. **Christopher Hull Gallery,** 17 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0500).

BOB BRITTEN: Paintings resulting from the artist's recent travels in *Berlin and India. Until Saturday.* **Kapil Jariwala Gallery,** 148 Ellington Road, London SE5 (01-703 2451).

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TELEVISION

L'Amour des Chaines (Channel 4) was a Belgian documentary whose title punned on the French word for "channel". Viewers of the world will surely have been united in the difficulty they had in winnowing out the relentless chaff-storm of images and information here presented. It was as if a gang of clever monkeys had hijacked a video editing suite and made straight for the special-effects controls: what with the subtitles, non-Francophones needed at least three eyes. At one point, we saw a Europundit pontificating in a jagged slash of office, centre-screen, while on either side of him a Castrol GTX commercial was being run backwards. One did wonder why.

The thrust of the thing seemed to be the news that *Europe is* entering a "new electronic Babel" — or an "audio-visual galaxy" — in which a proliferation of television channels is competing for the attention of a finite constituency. It was refreshing to see that spangly Eurotat looks pretty much the same as spangly Anglotat — and rather encouraging to learn that Belgium still lags behind Britain in terms of the average number of hours watched per week. Somewhere in among all this, Amanda Lear volunteered the opinion that the commercials are the best thing on television.

Towards the end, Channel 4's own Liz Forgan declared (in very game French) that the channel would be betraying its brief were it to attract more than 10 per cent of the domestic audience. One doubts that the following transmission, *Keeping Score*, exceeded its quota.

This was the first of three plays lumped under the rubric *Tickets for the Titanic* — a title which encapsulates the threat of a searing indictment of Britain in the 1980s. *Keeping Score* was a skittish revenge-drama in which a young male prole and a young female nob — christened respectively after the teams that contested the 1961 Cup Final — strove to get their own back through a series of pranks. The script belonged more properly to fringe theatre, and it seems unlikely that society will have been discommoded.

Martin Cropper

DANCE

Janet Smith
Shaw Theatre

The programme book of Janet Smith and Dancers yields the unexpected information that the company is registered as Voices Dance Company Limited. Even if unused, the title is apt enough.

For one thing, their new programme requires the dancers to raise their voices in song for the last ballet, and some of them tackle an instrument too, as part of the admirable policy of live music that, with two string players, a baritone and versatile contributions by their music director Nicholas Kok, provides a varied and entertaining accompaniment to the three works on show.

Besides that, Smith and the guest choreographers she invites — in this instance her husband Robert North — always seem concerned to say something in their dances. It can be as light-hearted as *Still No Word From Anton*, a spoof of soap operas as they were in the days of steam radio. Equally, it can be as serious as *Out into the Night*, based on Shostakovich's Second Piano Trio and full of wartime images of parting, heroics and mourning. North's *Fool's Day*, an evocation of medieval carnivals, brings both elements together; he plays Death interrupting the antics of the revellers.

A problem is that, trying to reach and communicate with a wider audience, Smith seems inhibited from attempting the bolder themes that sometimes spiced her earlier repertory. A kind of blandness settles over the programme. Perhaps this is only a passing phase, and her dancers, especially the women, are as good as ever, perhaps even better. Smith's own fluency, Gill Clarke's radiant face and Nan Sheridan's clarity of gesture are joined by an attractive newcomer in Leesa Phillips.

John Percival



Luciano Pavarotti (left), acting deliciously both in and out of character, with the growingly Pickwickian Gabriel Bacquier

They should get together

OPERA

John Higgins, in Paris, on Pavarotti in *L'elisir d'amore* and June Anderson in *I puritani*

Paris is playing host to two interpretations of the very highest calibre in the *bel canto* repertory. At the Opéra's big house Luciano Pavarotti has just finished his run of Nemorinos in L'elisir d'amore: the ample handkerchief will not be needed to mop the ample brow for the moment and the last of the encores of "Una furtiva lagrima" have been delivered. At the smaller Opéra Comique June Anderson has just performed the first of her Elviras in I puritani to applause equally rapturous and equally deserved, but she was not going to give in to audience demands on the matter of encores. Both are appearing in productions borrowed from other countries, which proves the value of lease-lend provided the stages are of similar size.

First to Bellini's *I puritani*, back in the city where it started out just over a century and a half ago at the Théâtre des Italiens. Bellini's final opera, though, has never before been heard at the Comique, a theatre which turns out to fit it as neatly as a well-tailored glove. The production is the one Andrei Serban devised for the Welsh National Opera in the spring of 1982, which had more to do with *Mother Courage* than the usual mistily romantic view taken of Count Pepoli's improbable libretto of the last days of the struggles between the Roundheads and Cavaliers.

Mike Ashman's Paris re-staging alters little: the "fortress near Plymouth" of Act I with its grim drawbridges could equally serve for *Fidelio*, and Elvira scans the faces of the dead and wounded for her beloved Arturo just as Leonore scrutinizes the prisoners' chorus for her Florestan. In Act III Elvira's balcony in the forest grove, required by the libretto, is still turned into a ghostly carriage — presumably the one in which Arturo, putting crown before marriage, helped the former Queen of England to escape. The consequence was that he did he not turn up for his wedding ceremony with Elvira, an absence which sends her coloratura mad for the whole of Act II.

June Anderson is predictably magnificent in her central aria, "Qui la voce", and its following cabaletta, "Vien diletto", where Bellini allows his soprano first to drain the well of wistfulness and then to show off all the brilliance at her command. This Miss Anderson did note-perfect, scattering any inhibitions to the wind just as Elvira in her delirium tosses handfuls of straw about the battlements of Fortress Plymouth. She has over the past couple of years become an extremely accomplished actress: the old stiffness has gone and, although she may look like an American heiress, that is no great harm when playing a colonel's daughter, as indeed Elvira is.



June Anderson, scattering inhibitions

And Miss Anderson rarely seems happier than at the Opéra Comique, scene of her great success a year ago in *La Fille du regiment*. The size of the house induces vocal security. This Elvira is sung at full stretch from the start, with the Act I *concertato* where Elvira's senses are beginning to desert her turning into a peak of the opera. Other sopranos are often unwilling to explore it too throughly in view of the vocal demands of the next couple of hours.

On the opening night June Anderson's announced partner, the American tenor Rockwell Blake, was ill and replaced by Aldo Bertolo from the second cast, despite the fact that he had sung a dress rehearsal the day before. Arturo's opening aria, "A te, o cara", found him in pallid form, but that number has defeated many a better-known singer. By Act III his nerve had returned and he tackled the fearsome array of high notes Bellini stacks up in front of the tenor with skill and bravery. Sig Bertolo may be no great actor, but at least he can *sing* Arturo.

The rest of the cast was disappointing. Edouard Tumagian's bullet-headed Riccardo certainly looked highly Cromwellian, but the singing was consistently coarse and over-loud. By contrast the Giorgio of Giorgio Surjan was underpowered, especially in the lower register. Antoine Garcin as Lord Valton (*sic*), Governor of the fortress, went around with his nose stuck in a prayer book, presumably safe in the knowledge that the Stuarts were heading fast towards defeat.

Bruno Campanella, so effective here in *Fille*, was the brisk conductor, sometimes a little too brisk for Bellini. And Serban changes the composer's ending, just as he was to do in his later production of *Norma*, by having Riccardo attempt to stab Arturo instead of joining in the general rejoicing.

No such liberties are taken with Donizetti and *L'elisir d'amore* in the staging Otto Schenk and Jurgen Rose devised for the Vienna State Opera back in the early Seventies, when Nicolai Gedda and Reri Grist played the leads. The sun shines down on Italy's farming folk, vines cover the ochre houses, a campanile is visible in the distance and Luciano Pavarotti seems delighted to be back on stage again.

His Nemorino, taking perhaps a size smaller in smocks than the Pavarotti of *Ballo in maschera* in Vienna last autumn, is a joy. It is deliciously acted, both in and out of character. Pavarotti cluches his bottle of elixir like a bear given a new jar of honey; he makes a nifty catch when Adina chucks her dog-eared copy of *The Tale of Tristan* at him; he rolls his eyes heavenwards in supplication when the house demands its encore. The voice is currently as full of honey as that bear's jar, with his duet with Adina, "Chiedi all'aura", recalling Gigli in one of that tenor's favourite roles. "Una furtiva lagrima" was sung the first time round as though an encore would surely follow, and when it did it became the definitive version.

Pavarotti is surrounded by a cast as experienced as it is excellent. Daniela Mazzucato made her Covent Garden début a decade ago as Adina and she is still as bubblingly flirtatious and vocally accurate in the role as she was then. Bernd Weikl is a robust Belcore, the object of her temporary attention. Gabriel Bacquier, looking more Pickwickian by the decade, dispenses potions and patter-songs with equal ease. Marcello Panni alone provoked the displeasure of part of the audience for reasons quite inexplicable: he was the highly professional conductor of a performance fairly bristling with professionalism.

Paris must now be asking when Anderson and Pavarotti are to be teamed together.

● *I puritani* continues at the Opéra Comique until March 27, with June Anderson and Michèle Lagrange alternating as Elvira. There are further performances of *L'elisir* at the Opéra, with Christine Barbaux and Dano Raffanti replacing Mazzucato and Pavarotti, tonight, on Saturday and on March 12 and 18.

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THEATRE

Two-Way Mirror
Mill Studio, Yvonne Arnaud, Guildford

Poised for a tour of Home Counties studios, this Arthur Miller *première* consists of a pair of two-handers bracketed together under what seems more a headline than a title. Both plays, it is true, show a bewildered man appealing to a woman who may or may not hold the key to his obsession; and jointly they present a studied contrast between low and high energy. But you can prove anything by this kind of schematic selection. The plain fact is that the programme consists of a limply implausible opening number, followed by a *tour de force* that renews amazement at the creative vigour Miller has regained in his seventies.

The best line in *Elegy for a Lady* comes at the start, when a Thirties middle-aged man wanders into a dress shop and enquires "Have you got anything for a dying woman?". It is a question that turns the surrounding lingerie and gartered thighs to mortal ridicule. However, the proprietress tries to answer it and — in the process — reveals that she knows more about the dying woman than does her glum old lover (a married man, needless to say).

The ingenuity of the plot is that, as a total stranger, she is able to become his most intimate confidante. But that does not account for her readiness to suspend the day's business, extend her sympathy to embracing the customer and handing him a free gift from the jewellery counter. Here, Miller is lumbering into Tennessee Williams territory, crunching the glass menagerie underfoot.

In *Some Kind of Love Story* a detective visits a prostitute who may have vital information about a murder case. He has been on the case for four years and this is the latest of a long line of interviews. It is late at night and raining; his wife is threatening separation; but he answers the call and turns out yet again in the hope that this time she may finally deliver.

What takes shape during their frenzied meeting is a pact as inescapable as the direst marriage. For Angela, the contact with Tom is the closest thing she has to a stable relationship. For Tom, she is the only lead to the otherwise insoluble mystery. Neither will let the other go — even though she realizes that he only comes in the hope of information, and he realizes that she will never cut her lifeline by divulging it. Round and round the partners go in ever-decreasing circles of ultimatums, screamed insults, arrested walk-outs and passages of slumped exhaustion when something like tenderness comes into their voices.

Jan Shand, a sybilline proprietress in the first play, reveals a fearsome range of panic-stricken aggression as the flaky Angela. She has an aptly Strindbergian partner in Ian Redford. Intrusive Grieg apart, Christopher Masters's productions are tightly organized and excellently lit.

Irving Wardle

Peer Gynt
Royal, Bury St Edmunds

Half-way through its nine-week national tour the Cambridge Theatre Company has arrived at this elegant playhouse, one of only three surviving from Georgian times.

Clare Davidson's imaginative production uses the Michael Meyer translation, trimmed to under three hours. The first acts gain from abridgement since it is possible to find the village scenes lacking a clear thematic line. Perversely, I would have appreciated, in the second half, more of the priest's speech at the grave of the apparent coward who, unlike Peer, refused to compromise and thus became himself.

In the early scenes, Michael Maloney's Peer presents an unexpected chilliness. Some time passes before he gives his first smile but, while his sexual grappling has something of a dreamlike quality, his stage presence is mature, watchful and tense with the energy that is released in the last moments of the play.

With the African scenes of the second half, lounging with Anitra on gold cushions or mooching round the ingeniously suggested Sphinx, Maloney transforms himself into a figure of gorgeous suavity, given to roguish smiles and ever-so-elegant vowels. The clipped tones provide an excellent instrument for the self-discovery of the last scene.

The mobile pine-trunks in bronze finish, designed by Sturla Rongstad, are ingeniously exploited throughout the evening, except when they represent the Great Boyg as something solid, precisely what this mysterious being is not. Peer eventually slides through them, utterly contradicting the point of the play. The trees reverse to become broad mirrors which, among other things, help make a crowd of a company of eight. Between them they play 40 parts, Maria Charles, Tricia Kelly and Katharine New representing the spectrum of female comforters and temptation. A rewarding evening.

Jeremy Kingston

GALLERIES

F.R. Yerbury
Architectural Association

It is surprising that *F.R. Yerbury* is not a more familiar figure, for he was certainly distinctive enough. No doubt, now that the Architectural Association has put on a slap-up retrospective (until March 27), he will be a lot better known. Though perhaps one should not bet on it: for some reason photographers who specialize in architecture seem to come quite low in the scale of admiration.

Yerbury photographed mainly icons of modernism, touring extensively on the Continent and in America to do it. His is a photography of record, but it is also the work of a man who was impassioned about what he saw.

John Russell Taylor



Icon of modernism: Woolworth Building, New York, in 1926

CONCERTS

LSO/Solti
Barbican

What with it being the Barbican Centre's fifth birthday, and Shrove Tuesday to boot, there was occasion for something festive, but instead a serious and sometimes ponderous mood prevailed in this Beethoven concert by the London Symphony Orchestra, affecting even Murray Perahia's performance of the C major Piano Concerto. Of course the playing was superbly finished, both in terms of tonal polish and the balance of phrases, but this perfection had something of the marble monument about it.

By making even upbeat phrases sound roundly concluded, Mr Perahia brought the first movement away from Beethoven towards the elegance of his less wonderful contemporaries, while the slow movement suggested Mozart without the imaginative fecundity. But in the finale matters perked up. Without losing any of his poise, Mr Perahia responded to the witty dialogue of treble and bass in the main theme and to the bright chatter of activity in the subsidiary material, and Sir Georg Solti now brought the orchestra nearer the fore with dash and cunning.

It was in the *Coriolan* Overture and the Seventh Symphony, though, that all the old Solti vim was in evidence, touching at the line of each work as at the sinews of a racing animal — and race the animal did in the last two movements of the symphony. The orchestra were certainly up to playing at this speed and with this intensive force, but the hall cruelly exposed a frequent lack of precision in ensemble, and also tended to muddle textures.

The Allegretto predictably found fewer weaknesses of both sorts, and here Sir Georg took the opportunity to show off his mastery of the long crescendo, keeping the low strings down to a whisper near the start and building with absolute steadiness. It was a trick he possibly used too much later on: Rossini knew it was not a card to be overplayed. But it very definitely added to the impression of a master conductor demonstrating the tearing energy he can obtain whenever he chooses to. Let us hope that the Barbican will learn the lesson, and in its next five years live dangerously.

Paul Griffiths

Philharmonia/ Hughes
Festival Hall

When Owain Arwel Hughes signalled woodwind, brass and violin soloists to stand for their applause before he had even had time to turn round to take his, he gave testimony to the sort of Shostakovich it had been. Fast, extrovert and brilliantly coloured, the Tenth Symphony became an extended concerto for orchestra; and the Philharmonia eagerly accepted the challenge.

Hughes was standing in at the last minute for an indisposed Yevgeny Svetlanov. Wales and Moscow seemed many miles apart. I cannot remember ever hearing such a carefree first movement. Three rigorous, even spritely, beats in a bar pressed ahead with the long, erstwhile brooding, string introduction. When the climax came, heralded by *hard, sharp* arrows of timpani, it roused the nerve rather than chilling the spine. Flute, piccolo and trombone returned to the fray in the second movement, doing shameless combat with the strings. In the third, one took breath in anticipation of the first, isolated horn-call; but the dance *continued, brushing it aside as* mere incident.

If the Shostakovich thrived on immediate and incessant activity, then for Elgar time was allowed to find its own pace. Itzhak Perlman, who *must hold the record* for spinning the longest legato thread of all time, started into the Violin Concerto as he meant to go on. His skill, and obvious delight, was to insist that the violin's role in this concerto is to surface, gently and gradually, from accompanist to soloist: everything evolved towards the last movement's great consummatory cadenza.

For the first movement's own summing up, Perlman kept his range narrow, his bowing sharp as a serpent's tooth. And for the concerto's still central point, he matched Hughes's careful threading of the woodwind into finely textured string playing with whimsically inflected fragments of his own sweetly-voiced melody.

Hilary Finch

LS/Knussen
Logan Hall

First of all, could not a more suitable venue than the Logan Hall have been found for this Contemporary Music Network concert? Secondly, why did Oliver Knussen compensate for the dry acoustic by conducting Schoenberg's First Chamber Symphony at such a frantic pace? Better, surely, to go carefully, so that the complexities of the writing, all the more apparent in such surroundings, might be more easily unravelled and digested. (Thirdly, had the work been rehearsed properly? It did not sound like it.)

Otherwise this was a typical *London Sinfonietta concert, an* excellently played programme of excellent music. It began with Lutoslawski's *Chain I*, whose structural principle involves the overlapping of the sectional boundaries in two simultaneous strands of music. It is exquisite, unpretentious music which, as is often the case with Lutoslawski, seeks and neatly finds solutions to the problems its existence presents, while containing ramifications for the future, for *Chain II* and for the Third Symphony, for example.

Simon Bainbridge's *Concertante in moto perpetuo* similarly makes no extravagant claims for itself. It is derived from a work for oboe and piano composed in 1979, *Mel and Nora*, which Bainbridge decided to expand in 1982, when he heard that Gareth Hulse, also the disciplined and confident soloist here, intended to play it. In this guise, soloist and ensemble squabble with each other energetically, their ever-changing, uncoordinated ostinatos creating latent rather than overt mutual aggression before the music finally evaporates almost whimsically into the air.

As a contrast, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's neurotically expressionistic *Revelation and Fall*, sung and shrieked with real panache by Linda Hirst, could hardly have been more startling. Though in this company it did sound a little *passé*, it nevertheless really seemed like the work of a man about to disintegrate a language in order to reforge it in the Eighties.

Stephen Pettitt

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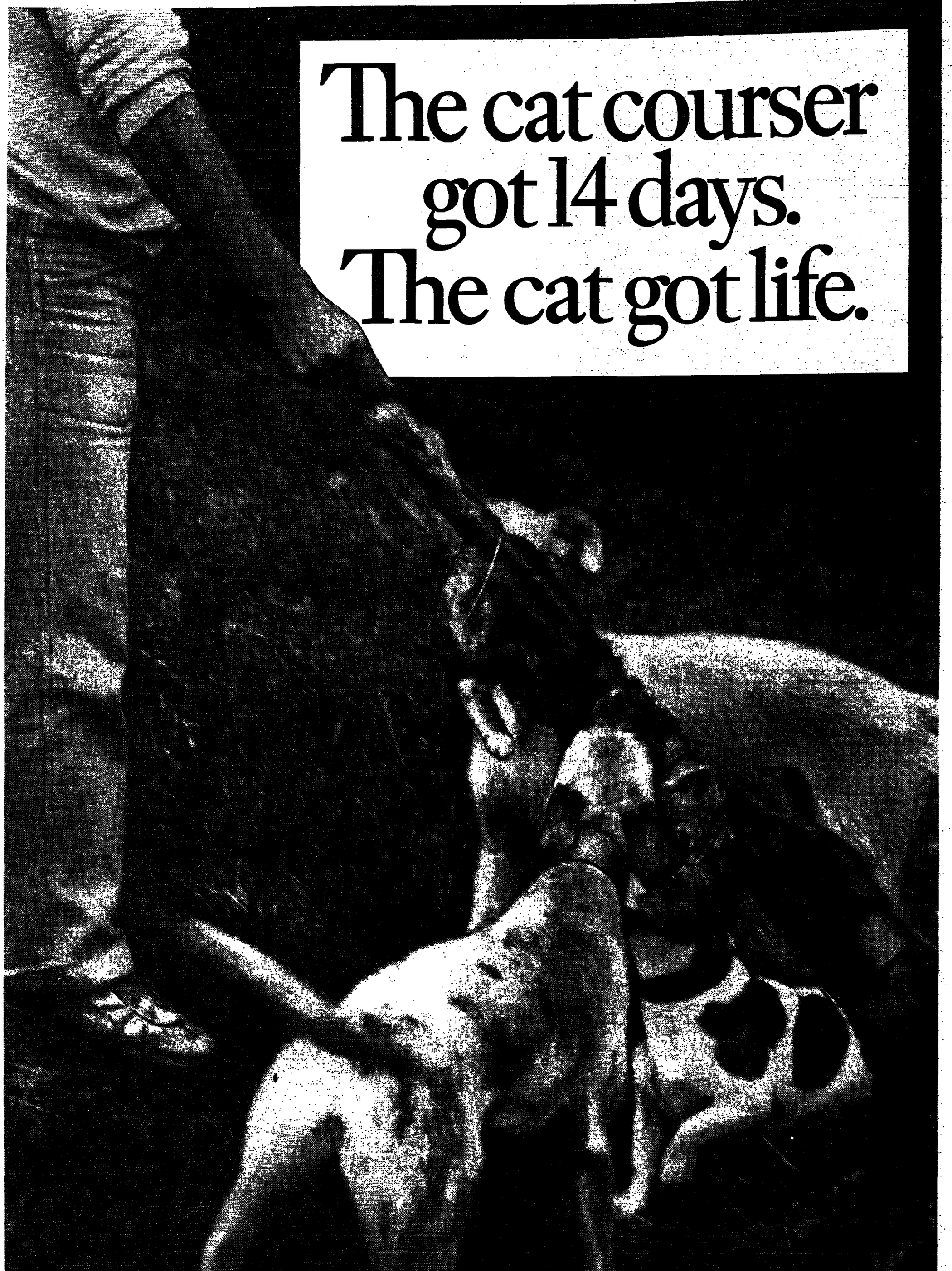
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Trade-weighted
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Creditors seeking Prior order

Creditors opposing the compulsory winding-up of licensed dealers Prior Harwin Securities yesterday filed a petition in the High Court seeking an administration order for the company.

Under the Insolvency Act, 1986 the petition will have precedence over two petitions brought by the Trade and Industry Secretary seeking a compulsory winding up. The petitons, against Prior Harwin and Prior Harwin Securities, were adjourned to a High Court judge.

Bigger stake

Heine Securities Corporation, a New York investment house, has increased its stake in Cambrian & General Securities, the investment trust formerly managed by Mr Ivan Boesky. Funds managed by Heine hold almost 9 per cent of Cambrian's ordinary shares and 2 per cent of its capital shares.

Panfida buys

Panfida owns or has acceptances for 93.4 per cent of Invest in Success shares. The formula net asset value per share has been calculated to be 1,025.67p, making the offer worth 995p a shares.

£1.9m sale

Associated Fisheries is selling its B & A Britton salad and salad dressings arm to Unigate for £1.9 million. The purchase price includes the settlement of a £1.56 million loan. The Associated Fisheries board consider the money being spent on salad production could be better used elsewhere within the group.

Haggas up

John Haggas, the Yorkshire yarn spinner, has lifted profits from £1.47m to £1.73m in the six months to December 31, 1986, despite almost static sales of £12.08 million against £12.07 million. New equipment has helped to cut costs, and with demand remaining strong, the chairman is forecasting an increase in profits for the full year.

£57m raised

Scandinavian Bank Group's offer of 27.5m units of multicurrency share capital at 210p per share was oversubscribed. The offer represented 34.6 per cent of the capital of the privately-owned, London-basedbank and was aimed at raising £57.75m to fund expansion. The bank will announce the basis on which the applications have been accepted not later than March 6.

Blagden total

Blagden Industries is maintaining its total dividend for 1986 at 7.2p and is not increasing the dividend as stated in *The Times* yesterday.

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Recovery to £434m profits

Midland sees off Crocker

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Midland Bank yesterday beat stock market expectations and confirmed that it was well on to the road to recovery after its debacle with Crocker National when it announced pretax profit for 1986 of £434 million, up nearly 24 per cent from £351 million in the previous year.

Domestic British banking operations produced most of the profits, rising from £305 million from £246 million, helped by substantial profits from sales of government stock. Losses left over from owning Crocker National amounted to £44 million. Thanks mainly to a lower tax charge, the group's earnings per share soared by 97 per cent to 104.2p.

Midland shares rose by 13p to 632p as the group announced an increased dividend of 27p for the year compared with 25.5p in 1985.

Sir Donald Barron, the chairman, said: "The benefits of the restructuring carried out during the last two years and of the disposal of Crocker are now beginning to bear fruit." Midland sold Crocker in May last year for about £1 billion, roughly the amount the bank had spent on Crocker in the first place, after disasterous losses had dragged down Midland's results for several years.

The continuing losses from Crocker include £300 million of bad debt in Bracton, the workout company set up to handle the loans after the Crocker sale.

Midland has also made substantial investments in its merchant banking and securities operations which turned in profits of £65 million. The result is not comparable, however, with the investment banking results of other clearing banks because they include substantial profits from Treasury operations.

Foreign exchange earnings alone came to £110 million, compared with £80 million in 1985, althought the bank said that not all of these profits were included in the investment banking result.

Sir Christopher "Kit" McMahon, the chief executive, said that the bank made a loss on equity market-making operations but earned a profit on trading gilt-edged stock where it claims to be among the biggest three or four dealing houses.

Midland made lower debt provisions, although a £60 million charge was made for sovereign borrowers. Sir Christopher said that Brazil's action in suspending interest payments on bank debt was a severe setback but that there was no danger of other debtor countries following suit.

Midland has also switched £100 million of sovereign debt provisions from general to specific provisions, leaving total bad debt provisions almost unchanged at £983 million. Midland is the most heavily exposed of the clearing banks to sovereign borrowers, with £4.7 billion lent to 14 countries who have rescheduled their debts.

Mortgage lending in Britain nearly doubled to a total outstanding of £2.7 billion, while personal lending increased by 13 per cent. He said also that one of the bank's chief aims was to increase its commission income, which rose in 1986 by an average of 35 per cent.

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Record day for FT-SE

By John Bell, City Editor

During a buoyant day in London's financial markets, interest rates edged lower for the fourth consecutive day and the Stock Exchange's three year-old FT-SE 100 share index breached the 2,000 level for the first time yesterday.

The "Footsie" index as it has become known, reached a high of 2021.5 during morning trading, but eased a little during the afternoon trading session to close at 2002.7, a rise of 4.4 on the day. Since it was formed in January 1984, the FT-SE 100 share index has more than doubled. Much of this spectacular performance has arisen since the start of this year. The gain since the new year stood at 370 points at one time yesterday.

Thoughts of a half point reduction in base rates dominated the money markets. The key three-month interbank rate shed a further 3/16 to close at 10-3/8 to 10-¼ per cent. This leaves room for the clearing banks to trim base lending rates from their current levels of 11 per cent. The only uncertainty among dealers is the timing of the move.

The Bank of England has, according to market sources, been intervening with a view to dampening expectations of an early interest rate cut. The Bank's presence was not much in evidence yesterday in the foreign exchanges where, helped by news of continuing strength in crude oil prices and a growing belief that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will be able to hold its current price and quota objectives, the pound had a good day.

Sterling's effective exchange rate index climbed to 70.9 compared with the previous day's level of 70.6.

Yesterday's apparent lack of intervention by the Bank left some traders surprised and gave rise to speculation that the first of two half-point cuts might arrive before the Budget.

After a steady stream of positive economic and financial news, equity market dealers see the stock market rally continuing until Budget day, which is expected to bring news of substantial cuts in personal taxation and confirmation that Government borrowing in the current year has fallen well short of forecasts.

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John Rogers



Talented: (from left) Carey Labovitch, Pamela Gray, Lesley Watts and Sophie Mirman

At the top of their profession

By Anne Warden

Leading British businesswomen are reaching the top at an ever earlier age, according to the judges of this year's Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year Award, sponsored by the Institute of Directors.

The list of five finalists, announced yesterday is thought to be the most youthful so far in the contest's 13 years. However none is disclosing her earning power.

The five include Carey Labovitch, aged 26, founder of *Blitz* magazine, begun during her studies at Oxford University, and *The Beat* magazine, which claims a circulation of 250,000.

Two others are in their early thirties: Lesley Watts, aged 32, who is the first woman to become a board member of Kleinwort Benson, the merchant banker, and whose work includes handling the British Gas stock market flotation; and Sophie Mirman, aged 30, founder and chairman of the Sock Shop hosiery chain, which has about 40 outlets and more than 200 staff.

The list also includes Dr Pamela Gray, aged 48, founder and chief executive of Sphinx, a computer software company in Maidenhead, Berkshire, whose doctorate is in applied mathematics, and Jenifer Rosenberg, aged 45, who is managing director of J & J Fashions. Her company, based in Tyne & Wear, employs 1,500 people and is a supplier to many high street fashion shops.

The winner is to be announced on March 31.

The contest is the fifth to be sponsored by the Institute of Directors. The panel of judges — three men and three women — includes Sir John Hoskyns, director general of the institute.

General Accident profits up by £96m

By Michael Tate

General Accident, one of Britain's largest insurance groups, yesterday disclosed profits of £123.2 million for 1986, compared with just £26.5 million in the previous year. Premium income rose from £1,691.3 million to £2,384.3 million.

The group is recommending a final dividend of 18p, making 28p for the year, compared with the 22p paid last year.

The vast improvement came as no surprise to the City which had been aware of sharply improved conditions in the insurance industry worldwide. All the major insurance groups are reporting huge increases in profit.

Underwriting losses were trimmed from £237 million to £180.9 million but investment income increased from £256.7 million to £297.8 million and long-term business profits rose from £8.8 million to £10.4 million.

The group had to provide £2.2 million for interest on loans, against a previous £2 million, and a maiden £1.9 million for the UK employee profit-sharing scheme.

After-tax profits leapt from £36.5 million to £113.1 million, producing earnings of 60.5p a share against 20.5p.

Mr Buchan Marshall, the chief general manager, said: "Despite achieving our best-ever result in a final quarter, I remain less than content with our performance for the year.

The UK motor account was the group's biggest problem area, but was expected to improve significantly in the current year. The situation in the Netherlands was also "seriously adverse".

But the picture everywhere else was "more encouraging".

UK underwriting losses were cut from £79.6 million to £64.9 million, while the US deficit was reduced from £96.6 million to £67.3 million. Canadian underwriting improved from a loss of £32.1 million to £8.4 million, but the non-UK EEC and Australia worsened.

The Earl of Airlie will succeed Mr Gordon Simpson, who is retiring, as the chairman on May 6.

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Consgold leaps on £97m at half-time

By Alexandra Jackson

Shares in Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance house, soared 48p to 830p yesterday on pretax profits 146 per cent higher at £97.5 million for the six months to the end of December 1986. The results beat the most optimistic of City forecasts.

The company's review of its half-year performance highlighted an improvement in profitability across the whole group. The strengthening of the gold price in the last six months from an average of $342 per ounce to $392 per ounce was an important contributory factor.

Gold production was boosted by the newly commissioned, low-cost Mesquite mine in California, which is operated by Gold Fields Mining Corporation.

Analysts are expecting next year's results to benefit from the start up of Chimney Creek gold mine in Nevada, US. They also point to an exciting future for three further gold prospects in the United States.

Higher gold prices also helped Gold Fields of South Africa to produce a better than expected result. The group's direct investments in mines in South Africa did well for the same reason, as did the investment portfolio.

Amey Roadstone Corporation, the construction materials operation, increased its profits by 12 per cent. A significant addition to profits is expected to come through following the proposed acquisition at the beginning of this year of a substantial crushed stone business in the US.

Dr Alan Richards, the mining analyst at brokers Barclays de Zoete Wedd, is forecasting pretax profits of £196.5 million for the year to the end of June 1987 and earnings per share of 72p. He rates the shares a buy.

Shareholders can opt to take ordinary shares in lieu of the cash dividend of 9.5p.

Witnesses hitch for DTI inquiry

By Lawrence Lever

The Department of Trade investigation into insider dealing by civil servants has hit a stumbling block with two key witnesses at one point refusing to give evidence to the inspectors appointed by the Government.

Moreover, a third person involved in the inquiry has now left the country and is believed to be living in Israel.

He is understood to have received price-sensitive information from his sister, who worked as a secretary at the Office of Fair Trading.

She has since been moved sideways — to the consumer affairs division of the Department of Trade and Industry. The Times knows her identity but for legal reasons cannnot name her.

The delay in the inquiry is concerning Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs who has shot to prominence for his role in ordering DTI inspectors to investigate Guinness. Officials at the DTI were at one stage confidently predicting an early resolution to the inquiry.

The two witnesses refused to be interviewed by the inspectors who have power to take evidence on oath. One of the witnesses appears to have refused on health grounds while the other simply refused to co-operate. It is understood that one of them has recently relented.

The Government has already announced that it has uncovered evidence implicating a junior civil servant.

The civil servant concerned is the woman secretary. Her brother, now in Israel, is believed to have orchestrated a network of contacts who dealt in shares on the basis of the information.

Minister firm on oil prices

As world oil prices continued to rise yesterday, bringing with them increased tax revenue from the North Sea, the Government again defended its policy of refusing to co-operate with Opec moves to send the price upwards.

Despite the slump in oil prices during the past year costing an estimated 20,000 jobs in the British North Sea industry, the Energy Minister Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, said he felt the Government's policy of not cutting production to help Opec boost prices was still justified.

He told a House of Commons energy select committee that although there had been job losses companies were still investing in the offshore industry at a rate of £2-3 billion a year and that the oil companies were spending £6 million a day in support

Hawley seeks listings

Hawley Group, the fast growing services empire run by Mr Michael Ashcroft, is arranging listings for its shares on the Montreal and Sydney stock exchanges.

Arrangements are expected to be complete by the end of May. In addition Hawley is seeking a quotation on other exchanges around the world including Tokyo.

Hawley failed to please the City with 1986 results which were on the face of things a strong performance. Hawley, now domiciled in Bermuda, reported net income before tax of $83.2 million (£52.32 million), a rise of 93 per cent.

Earnings per common share also advanced significantly to 21 cents, a gain of 24 per cent, in a year when the equity base was increased sizeably.

The directors announced a scrip issue of one share for every 53 held with a cash alternative of 4.1 cents per share.

CU turns loss into £119m profit

Commercial Union Assurance achieved a £178 million turnaround in its fortunes during 1986 when pretax profits improved from a loss of £58.8 million to a pretax profit of £119.1 million.

Establishing the first annual increase since 1981, the group raised its final dividend by 12 per cent making a 10 per cent increase for the year.

Highlights of the results were the growth in non-life premium income up 17 per cent to more than £2billion. New life business annual premiums rose by 22 per cent and single premiums by 43 per cent. Life profits increased by 10 per cent to £88.2 million.

Worldwide underwriting losses were reduced from £384.7 million to £220.4 million helped by the much improved performance in the United States. In Britain, a small underwriting profit was made during the final quarter.

Investment income rose slightly to £243.6 million from £236.7 million. Realized investment gains increased by 29 per cent to £77.2 million.

Net assets per share are 346p per share after a £267 million increase in shareholders' funds to £1.4 billion.

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Congress asked to curb Wall St excesses

Bosses show their teeth

From Bailey Morris, Washington

America's business leaders yesterday urged Congress to pass emergency legislation curbing abuses associated with the wave of company take-overs, citing widespread financial abuse on Wall Street.

In a dramatic hearing, dominated by a panel of the chief executives of the most powerful US companies, strict controls were sought on speculators, arbitrageurs, investment bankers and others who have earned enormous profits from hostile take-overs.

"Americans have seen all they ever hope to see of suitcases of cash being transferred on Wall Street," said Mr John Murray, chairman of Universal Foods Corporation. He added that many take-overs were "fee-driven" events engineered by investment bankers and speculators working together to put a company's shares "into play."

Members of the Senate Banking Committee, who are considering legislation to limit the rules governing take-overs, were surprised by the depth of the proposals and the consensus for reforms which emerged from the corporate panel. "It is highly unusual for business leaders to appear before Congress and to ask for legislation. Am I hearing you correctly?", asked Senator Donald Riegel, a Michigan democrat.

Recounting tales of mounting debt, record lay-offs and sharply decreased spending for research and development, the corporate chiefs said that speculators such as Sir James Goldsmith and Mr T Boone Pickens were undermining the competitive vitality of American companies.

Mr Robert Mercer, the chief executive of Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company, said his corporation had survived a bruising take-over attempt by Sir James but in considerably weakened condition.

As a result of the take-over attempt, which earned Sir James a profit of $94m (£60.25 million) Goodyear has been forced to take the following steps: the corporation is becoming 12 per cent smaller; three plants are being closed; 4,000 employees will be laid off; corporate spending and research projects will be targeted towards short-term payout; and the company is assuming a $4 billion debt which will result in an unprecedented ratio of 80 per cent of debt to capitalization.

Senator William Proxmire, chairman of the committee, said the recent events on Wall Street had convinced him of the need for more comprehensive legislation than he had originally planned.

He said it was now clear that risk arbitrageurs are systematically involved in corporate take-over abuses which must be curbed.

This will require a review of the basic functions under which Wall Street operates including whether there ought to be a complete separation of risk arbitrage and investment banking and whether the "Chinese wall" which has governed the investment banking community should be rebuilt.

Mr David Roderick chairman of USX Corporation, formerly US Steel, offered a three point proposal which drew widespread acceptance from both the committee and his fellow officers. First, he said there should be new legislation requiring anyone who purchases more than 10 per cent of a company's shares to make an all-cash tender offer for the remaining outstanding shares. In addition any tender offer should provide shareholders with the option of receiving all cash for their stock.

This would ensure that only legitimate take-overs take place by parties who have their financing in place

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2255.34 (+28.82)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	21031.66 (+60.27)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2890.92 (–48.12)
Amsterdam: Gen	265.3 (+2.7)
Sydney: AO	1623.4 (+7.8)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1738.1 (+24.2)
Brussels:	
General	4231.64 (+17.26)
Paris: CAC	442.1 (+4.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen	524.50 (+2.4)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	88.72 (+0.51)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank $10^{7}/_{16}$-$10^{9}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills:10⅜-10⅜
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds $5^{15}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.41-5.50%*
30-year bonds $100^{5}/_{16}$-$100^{11}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5650	£: $1.5645*
£: DM2.8741	$: DM1.8385*
£: SwFr2.4218	$: SwFr1.5515*
£: FFr9.5582	$: FFr6.1175*
£: Yen240.46	$: Yen153.73*
£: Index:70.9	$: Index:103.9
ECU £n.a	SDR £0.809113

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Fisons	638p (+12p)
Unilever	2653p (+18p)
Midland Bank	635p (+16p)
Cons. Goldfields	831p (+49p)
Shell	1108p (+32p)
Nichols (Vimto)	260p (+22p)
B P	802p (+29p)
Ibstock Johnstan	251p (+15p)
Bass	535p (+23p)
S W Berisford	313p (+18p)
News Intnl.	2613p (+126p)
Delyn Packaging	370p (+55p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	615p (+50p)
Avon Rubber	585p (+20p)
A B Electronic	435p (+28p)
GUS 'A'	1322p (+27p)
M K Electric Gp.	427p (+16p)
Morland	450p (+12p)

FALLS:

Cable & Wireless	355p (–6p)
STC	263p (–13p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $407.85 pm-$406.55
close $406.25-406.75 (£259.50-260.00)
New York:
Comex $406.20-406.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr) pm $17.30 bbl($16.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

McDonnell wins BIA £32m aircraft order

Airbus Industrie has lost out to McDonnell Douglas in a bid to supply British Island Airways (BIA) with new aircraft. BIA – the first airline to be quoted on the stock market – yesterday placed an order for two MD83 aircraft to come into service in 1988 and increase its capacity by 40 per cent. Mr Peter Villa, the chairman, who owns 62 per cent of the shares in the airline, said that although the Airbus was considered it would not be ready in time to meet their needs for the summer season of 1988.

The MD83 is a 167-seat jet with a range of 2,500 miles and will enable the company to bid for potentially lucrative contracts for charters to holiday destinations farther afield than they can now reach with their fleet of eight BAe 1-11 jets. BIA, which was bought out by its management in 1982, is now considering re-engining the 1-11s with new Rolls-Royce Tay engines which could extend both their range and their active life.

The MD83s, each of which is worth about £16 million, will be leased through the International Lease Finance Corporation of Los Angeles.

Saatchi plans £61.3m issue

The advertising group Saatchi and Saatchi is to raise about £61.3 million through the issue of 9.74 million new shares to be distributed among European investors. The issue represents 4.4 per cent of the current share capital. The issue price will be 654.5p, or a 1.5 per cent discount to yesterday's closing price adjusted to reflect the one-for-three scrip issue approved at the recent annual meeting. The company said the move was aimed at widening its shareholder base to reflect Saatchi's global nature.

Nichols nears £6m profit

Despite last summer's poor weather, the soft drinks manufacturer JN Nichols (Vimto), increased its pretax profits by 22 per cent from £4,852,000 to £5,915,000 in 1986. The second half was better than usual due to more even Middle East demand. Turnover rose from £22.48 million to £28.74 million, and profits after tax were up from £2,998,000 to £3,830,000. Earnings per share advanced from 16.2p to 20.6p and the final dividend is lifted from 3.25p to 4.1p making 7p for the year against 6p last time.

Royal Ordnance bids delayed by accounts

Bids for Royal Ordnance, the state-owned arms manufacturer which is being sold to the private sector, must be submitted by the end of next week. Although this is the first formal deadline, it had been hoped that the offers would be in by tomorrow. The timescale has slipped because the four potential purchasers, British Aerospace, GKN, Ferranti and Trafalgar House, have not yet seen full accounts for 1986.

The bidders will receive unaudited figures in time for the deadline and Royal Ordnance's advisors still hope to conclude a deal before the end of March or early April. British Aerospace and GKN appear to be the front-runners with Trafalgar House the outside candidate.

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 tops 2,000 level

By Michael Clark

Share prices surged through the magical "2000" level in early trading yesterday and managed to consolidate their position during a tense session on the stock market yesterday – but only just.

The FT-SE 100 share index was 22.9 points up, at one stage, before a few nervous sellers took their toll and left it just 4.4 up to close at a record 2,002.7. The "footsie," as it is known to its friends, was first introduced on December 30, 1983, and designed to make up the shortcomings of its better-known counterpart the FT 30 share index. It started at a base price of 1,000 and has more than doubled in just over three years. It has risen 323.7 this year, so far, alone in one of the strongest bull markets in recent years.

The FT 30 index was also prepared to make the most of the bull market and by 4pm was up another 1.2 at 1,614.7, having been 11.7 higher earlier in the day. It has also risen more than 300 points since the new year.

Dealers expect it to increase its record-breaking run when trading resumes later today for the new Budget account starting on Monday helped by a firm opening on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average was 22 points up in early trade.

Sentiment was helped yesterday by some better-than-expected figures from **Midland Bank**, 13p dearer at 632p. This prompted renewed support for the other clearers with **Barclays Bank** up 7p at 524p, **Lloyds Bank** 5p to 499p, and **National Westminster Bank** 25p to 624p.

The firmer pound enabled Government securities to sport gains of up to £¾ at the longer end.

Over on the Unlisted Securities Market, **Welpac**, which pre-packs hardware, electrical goods and D-I-Y products, for leading retail outlets has made its first acquisition since joining the USM.

It is paying £1 million for **Shawe Group**, a privately-owned manufacturer and supplier of lighting equipment. To help finance the deal Welpac is issuing 5.88 million new shares to shareholders as part of an open offer at 17p a share. It also intends to isue a further 2.03 million shares at 17p each to provide an extra £235,000 to help with the group's expansion programme. Welpac firmed 0.5 to 20p on the news.

Dixons lost an early lead to finish 2p lower at 393p amid fears that its $384 million (£251 million) bid for **Cyclops Corporation**, of Pittsburgh, the specialist retailer, may soon run into opposition.

There are growing fears among brokers that a higher offer for Cyclops may be on the way. When Dixons made its debut as a white knight, Cyclops was already on the receiving end of a $332 million bid from Audio/Visual Associates, another US retailer, but with a market capitalization valued at only a fraction of Dixons'.

There is speculation that one of the big US retailers has recently woken up the benefits of a bid for Cyclops and may now be prepared to make a move.

Dealers are already speculating about where Dixons will turn to next if its bid for Cyclops fails. The best guess is **W H Smith**, the newspaper retailing and wholesale group, whose price is showing signs of rallying from recent dullness.

● While there is talk of a bid for Henderson Group, its rival, Harrison Industries, continues to attract support. Analysts indicate the shares should continue to prosper as the company's plans for three new acquisitions continue to progress. The shares firmed another 2p to 205p.

The 'A' shares climbed another 12p to 328p last night, but still remain well below their high of 418p. There have been plenty of takeover stories surrounding Smith in recent years all of which have come to nought. But several leading brokers still regard the shares as a long-term "buy".

The decision to diversify away from its traditional areas has been well received. Pretax profits for the present year are expected to swell from £49.2 million to £60 million where the prospective p/e falls to 15. The possibility of a takeover is thrown in for nothing.

Shares of **Combined English Stores** tumbled 17p to 269p in late trading after the company confirmed it had rejected proposals of a merger from Ratners, the fast-growing jewellery chain. There had been intense speculation about a possible bid for CES earlier this week and dealers are now left wondering if Ratners may now choose to make an aggressive bid.

Boots resumed its round of lunches at brokers' offices. Yesterday it was the turn of Smith New Court. The price held steady at 327p. Earlier this week the group visited the offices of Williams de Broe and is due to play host next week to a number of analysts at its Nottingham headquarters.

The shares have been a firm market recently on calls for a re-rating. Dealers reckon the shares deserve a higher rating on its drug development side alone.

The shares enjoyed plenty of speculative support last year up until it made its controversial $550 million acquisition of the US Flint Laboratories. Its valuable property portfolio has always been an eye-catcher for potential suitors.

Etam, the fashionwear retailer, lost an early lead to close 1p lighter at 227p. Its new broker, Phillips & Drew, which replaced Chase Manhattan Securities, is said to have been a big buyer of the shares on behlaf of clients. The market is not ruling out the possibility that the group may soon be about to hit the acquisition trail.

Its rival, **Next**, continued to scale new heights with a rise of 10p to 306p. Analysts are looking for some strong growth over the next couple of years with figures later this month expected to show pretax profits climbing from £20.1 million to £27.7 million where the prospective p/e falls to 24.

Despite the high rating the shares are still regarded by some brokers as good value for money.

Drug manufacturers spent a mixed day with profit-taking lopping a further 12p at £15.61 from **Glaxo**, while **Wellcome** fell 17p to 423p and **Smith & Nephew** 6p to 156p. But there was selective support for **Beecham** 7p higher at 550p and **Fisons** 13p to 639p following figures earlier in the week.

● *FRANKFURT: Share prices on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange closed broadly higher in moderate trading yesterday. The Commerzbank index climbed 24.2 points to 1738.1.*

The market is presently undergoing a substantial technical recovery, fuelled by the widespread belief that West German equities have been oversold since the beginning of the year, according to brokers.

But they cautioned it was too early to talk about a trend reversal since any drop in the dollar from its present trading range of about DM1.83 was likely to trigger another selloff.

Analysts are also uncertain about the impact of the talk of likely strikes by the IG Metall, the nation's largest trade union, in the coming weeks. In 1984, nationwide strikes paralyzed the car industry and significantly depressed economic growth.

Representatives of the industry have warned that too many concessions by the West German employers to the unions in the impending wage negotiations will boost labour costs and make West German companies less competitive on the world markets.

● **HONG KONG:** Local profit-taking drove most prices sharply lower in active trading. The Hang Seng index closed at 2890.93 (2939.05).

Declines by Hongkong Electric (Holdings) and Hutchison Whampoa, both controlled by *Mr Li Ka-shing*, led other sectors of the market lower, with utilities generally registering the steepest losses.

● **TOKYO:** Share prices surged on very heavy volume to close at their fourth consecutive record high. The Nikkei Dow Jones index closed at 21,031.66 (20,971.39).

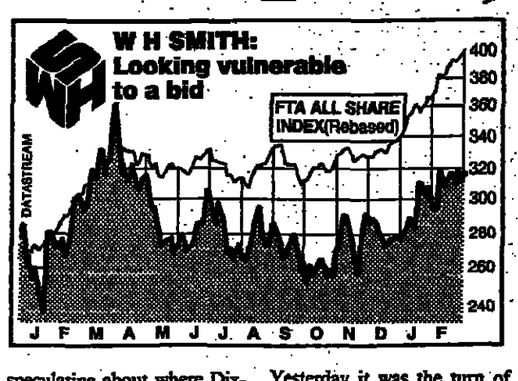
Prices leaped from the morning opening, partly encouraged by Tuesday's modest rise on Wall Street, but afternoon selling reduced the size of the day's advance.

● **SINGAPORE:** Share prices firmed in heavy trading. The *Straits Times* industrial index rose to 1066.02 (1060.38 revised).

Institutional buying buoyed the blue chips and brokers said Malaysian issues also found buyers as the market appeared to be shaking off the consolidation of the past week.

● **SYDNEY:** The all industrials index closed 7.3 points higher at 2,588.9 after falling to 2,575.6. The all resources index rose 9.3 points to 890.7 and the gold index advanced 12.2 to 2,099.7.

National turnover was a heavy 138.7 million shares worth Ausn$219.2 million, with risin shares outnumbering falling issues by 337 to 331.



● Unconfirmed reports in the market yesterday suggested Burmah had sold its 25 per cent stake in its rival, Premier Consolidated Gold Fields. The 72 million shares are said to have gone to one buyer and may be quickly followed by a full bid for the rest. Premier's shares closed all-square at 43.5p.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	4,100	Gen Accident	791	Redland	685
Amstrad	4,800	GEC	6,300	Reckitt Colman	406
ASDA-MFI	5,900	Glaxo	3,400	Reed Int	998
Ass Br Foods	1,000	Globe IT	1,500	Reuters	1,400
BET	720	Granada	2,800	RMC Group	214
BTR	4,400	Grand Met	3,400	RTZ	3,600
BAT	4,000	GUS 'A'	605	Rowntree	550
Barclays	2,200	GRE	349	Royal B of Scot	1,300
Bass	1,100	GKN	2,700	Royal Ins	745
Beecham	3,000	Guinness	3,900	Saatchi	2,200
Blue Circle	1,000	Hammerson Pry 'A'	101	Sainsbury (J)	1,400
BOC	1,400	Hanson	15,000	Scot Newsl	2,300
Boots	8,900	Hawker Siddeley	637	Sears	15,800
BPB Ind	308	Hillsdown	4,600	Sedgwick Gp	1,300
BPCC	967	Imp Chem Ind	2,200	Shell	7,600
Br Aerospace	2,300	Imp Cont Gas	8,700	Smith & Nephew	4,900
Br Airways		Jaguar	1,800	STC	24,000
Br Gas	32,000	Ladbroke	2,700	Stan Chart	74
Br Petroleum	13,000	Land Securities	740	Storehouse	7,100
Br Telecom	10,000	Legal & Gen	1,700	Sun Alliance	588
Bristol	14,000	Lloyds	2,200	Tarmac	591
Bunzl	868	Lonhro	2,100	TSB P/P	3,100
Burton	4,900	Marks & Spencer	11,000	Tesco	1,900
Cable & Wireless	7,400	MEPC	2,400	Thorn EMI	2,600
Cadbury Schwep	2,900	Midland	3,100	Trafalgar House	1,300
Coats Viyella	852	Nat West	4,400	Trusthouse Forte	11,000
Com Union	10,000	P & O Dfrd	1,900	Unigate	1,200
Cons Goldfields	3,300	Pearson	442	Unilever	1,200
Cookson Gp	379	Pilkington Bros	970	Utd Biscuits	2,500
Courtaulds	1,200	Plessey	3,200	Wellcome	3,200
Dee Corp	6,100	Prudential	575	Willis Faber	100
Dixons Gp	7,100	Racal Elect	9,800	Whitbread 'A'	3,700
English China	1,000	Rank Org	795	Woolworth	583
Fisons	2,800	Rank Hovis	908		

WALL STREET

Strong start for Dow

New York (Reuter) – Strong gains in motor industry stocks and continued strength in the oil sector pushed Wall Street prices higher in active, early trading yesterday.

Blue chips accounted for most of the strength, however, as the broader market continued to demonstrate some hesitation to march ahead.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 18.56 to 2,245.08 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 3.39 to 944.16.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 share index gained 2.43 to 286.55 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index was up 1.14 to 163.30.

General Motors rose 3⅞ to 79½, Ford 2¼ to 79 and Royal Dutch Petroleum 1¼ to 106.

	Mar 3	Mar 2		Mar 3	Mar 2		Mar 3	Mar 2
AMR Cp	59⅝	59⅝	Firestone	35⅝	35⅛	Pepsico	33	33⅛
ASA	45	43⅝	Fst Chicago	32⅛	32⅛	Pfizer	70⅞	71
Aetna Life	66	66⅝	Fst Int Bncp	57⅛	56⅝	Phelps Dod	29⅛	29⅝
Allied Signal	46	46⅝	Fst Penn C	10⅜	10⅝	Philip Mor	84⅛	84⅝
Allie Chalm	3⅛	3⅜	FT Wachva	44⅛	44⅜	Philip Pet	13⅜	12⅝
Alcoa	41½	41	Ford Motor	78⅜	77⅞	Polaroid	78⅝	77⅞
Amax Inc	16⅝	17⅛	GAF Cp	44	45	Procl Gble	85⅞	85⅛
AMR Hess	28⅛	27⅛	GTE Cp	39⅝	40⅛	Pub Snc Eg	40⅛	40⅛
Am Brands	49⅛	49⅝	Gen Cp	79⅝	79⅛	Raytheon	76⅝	77
Am Can	101⅝	102⅛	Gn Dynam	77⅛	78	Rynlds Met	52⅜	53⅜
Am Cynmd	95⅛	94⅜	Gen Elect	103⅝	103⅜	Rockwell Int	51⅛	53⅛
Am Ele Pwr	25⅛	25⅝	Gen Inst	25⅛	25	Royal Dutch	104⅛	102
Amex	75⅝	76⅛	Gen Mills	51⅛	51⅛	SFE Sopac	34⅝	33⅝
Am Home	67⅛	66⅞	Gen Motors	75⅝	74⅝	Sara Lee	42⅛	42
Am Motors	3⅝	3⅝	Gen Pub Ut	25⅞	25⅝	Schlmb	37⅛	37
Am Stand	47⅛	48⅜	Genesco	4⅝	4⅝	Scott Pap	75⅝	75⅝
Am Telph	22⅛	22⅝	Georgia Pac	47⅛	46⅝	Seagram	67⅛	67⅝
Amoco Cp	72⅛	70⅝	Gillette	58⅛	58⅝	Sears Roeb	52⅜	52⅛
Armco Steel	8⅛	8⅛	Goodrich	54⅛	54	Shell Trans	67⅛	66⅝
Asarco Inc	21⅛	21	Goodyear	52⅝	52⅝	Singer	47⅛	48⅜
Ashland Oil	64⅛	65⅝	Gould Inc	18⅝	18⅜	Smithkln Bk	108⅝	108
Atl Richfld	68⅛	65⅞	Grace Co	54⅜	54⅝	Sony Cp	21⅞	21⅞
Avon Prod	29⅛	29⅝	Grt Atl Pac	27⅝	28	Stn Cal Ed	34⅜	33⅝
Bk Boston	31⅛	31⅛	Greyhnd	35⅛	35⅝	SW Bell	115⅞	115⅝
Bank NY	40⅛	40⅝	Grumen	30	30⅛	Std Oil	56⅛	54⅝
Bankamer	12	11⅞	Gulf & West	60	60⅝	Sterl Drug	53⅛	52⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	48⅛	48⅜	Heinz	46⅛	46⅛	Stevens Jp	41⅛	41⅛
Bdn Steel	6⅝	6⅜	Hercules	61⅛	61⅝	Sun Comp	58⅞	57⅝
Boeing	53⅝	53⅛	Hewlett Pk	53⅝	54	TRW Inc	99⅛	101⅛
Boise Casc	75⅛	74⅝	Honeywell	66⅝	66⅛	Teledyne	336⅝	335⅝
Bordan	56⅛	56⅛	IC Ind	28⅜	28	Tenneco	43⅝	43⅛
Borg Warnr	42⅜	42⅛	ITT Cp	62⅛	63⅛	Texaco	34	33⅝
Brist Myer	98⅛	99	INCO	15	15⅛	Tex Eastn	33⅜	32⅛
BP	50⅝	49⅛	Ingersoll	76⅛	76⅝	Tex Inst	162⅝	163
Brunswick	42⅛	41⅛	Inland Steel	23⅛	23⅜	Tex Util	35	34⅜
Burl Ind	46⅝	47	IBM	136⅛	136⅝	Textron	66½	66⅝
Burl Nth	67⅞	66⅝	Int Paper	91⅛	90⅞	Travelers	51⅝	52⅜
CBS	156⅝	157⅛	Inving Bk	50	50⅛	UAL Inc	55	54⅜
CPC Int	46⅝	47⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	87⅛	85⅝	USG	40	39
Cax Cp	32⅛	32⅝	K Mart Cp	56⅛	57⅛	USX Cp	24⅛	23⅝
Capbell Sp	63⅛	62⅛	Kaiser Alum	17	17⅛	Unilever NV	255	253
Can Pacific	16⅝	16⅝	Kerr McGee	31	30⅝	Un Carbide	28	27⅛
Caterpillar	45⅛	45⅝	Kimbl Clark	107½	107⅜	Un Pac Cp	73⅛	72⅝
Centrl SW	35⅜	35⅝	Kroger	33	33	Unisys Cp	103⅛	105
Champion	36	36⅛	LTV Cp	2⅜	2⅝	Utd Brands	46	46⅝
Chase Man	39⅛	38⅛	Litton	87⅛	86⅝	Utd Tech	62⅛	63⅛
Chem NY	45⅝	45⅞	Lockheed	52⅜	52⅛	Unocal	32	29⅝
Chevron	50⅛	48⅝	Lucky Str	29⅝	29⅝	Walter Jim	54⅝	54
Chrysler	48⅝	48⅝	Man H'wer	45⅞	45⅝	Warn Lamb	73	73⅛
Citicorp	52⅛	53⅝	Manville	2⅜	2⅝	Wells Fer	54⅛	54⅛
Clark Eq	23⅜	23⅝	Mapco	63⅛	61⅝	Westg El	64	63⅝
Coca Cola	45	45	Marine Mid	52⅛	52⅛	Weyerhsr	50⅝	51⅛
Colgate	45⅛	45⅝	Mt Marrieta	45⅞	46⅛	Whirlpool	36⅝	36⅝
Columb Gas	49⅝	48⅛	Masco	36⅛	36⅝	Woolworth	48⅝	48⅛
Comb'tn Eng	38⅝	39⅛	Mcdonalds	75⅛	75⅞	Xerox Cp	71⅝	70⅝
Cnwrth Ed	37⅞	37⅛	McDonnell	77⅛	77⅞	Zenith	23	23⅛
Cons Egis	44⅞	45	Mead Cp	66⅝	65⅞			
Cn Nat Gas	37⅞	37⅛	Merck	157	155			
Cons Pwr	17⅝	17⅞	Mesa Ptrlm	126⅝	127⅝			
Cont Data	26	27⅛	Mobil	43⅛	42⅛	CANADIAN PRICES		
Corning Gl	58⅝	59	Monsanto	76⅛	76⅝			
Crane	44⅞	45⅛	Morgan Jp	45⅞	46	Agnco Eag	30⅛	29⅝
Curtiss Wrt	59⅝	59⅜	Motorola	47⅞	48⅛	Alcan Alum	48⅛	48⅝
Data Genl	36⅛	35⅛	NCR	65⅞	64⅜	Algoma St	11⅛	11
Deere Co	28⅜	28⅛	NL Indstrs	6⅝	6⅜	Can Pacific	22⅝	22
Delta Air	63⅞	64	Nat Distil	58	58⅝	Cominco	16⅝	16⅛
Detrok Edi	18⅝	18⅜	Nat Md Ent	26⅜	27⅜	Con Bellfrst	17⅜	18⅛
Digital Eq	156⅛	153⅜	Nat Semi	n.a	15⅛	Hawk S Can	28⅝	28⅛
Disney	56⅛	56⅝	Norfolk Stn	95⅛	95⅛	Hud Bay M	26⅛	26⅛
Dow Chem	76⅜	76⅝	NW Bancrp	41⅝	41⅝	Imasco	37	35⅞
Dresr Ind	25⅞	24⅝	Occid Petl	30⅝	31	Imperial Oil	67	65⅝
Ducont	100⅛	100	Ogden Cp	60⅛	61⅛	Int Pipe	44	42⅜
Duke Pwr	47⅞	47⅛	Olin Cp	49⅛	49⅛	Royl Trstco	35⅝	34⅛
East Kodak	76	75⅞	Owens Il	80⅛	80⅛	Seagram	69⅝	69⅝
Eaton Cp	83⅝	84⅜	PPG Ind	85	84½	Shelco 'A'	22⅛	22⅜
Emerson El	104	102⅝	Pac Gas El	26⅛	26⅝	Thmsn N 'A'	33⅛	33⅝
Emery Air	13⅜	13⅛	Pan Am	⅝	⅞	Varity Cp	3.40	3.40
Exxon	80⅛	78⅛	Penney JC	94	94⅝	WCT	14⅜	14⅝
Fed Dpt Sts	94⅛	94⅛	Pennzoil	76⅝	76⅛	Weston	37⅛	37

Overcoming such hurdles deserves a small mention.


Norton wins

BY RAYMOND HUGHES AND DAVID GOOL

NORTON OPAX has finally and incontestably won control of McCorquodale in the marathon printing industry takeover fro[m] which we w[ere] consider," h[e] The battle which began last April.

FRONT PAGE FT: DEC. 2nd, 1986.

In December 1985, Norton Opax commenced a £170 million acquisition project.

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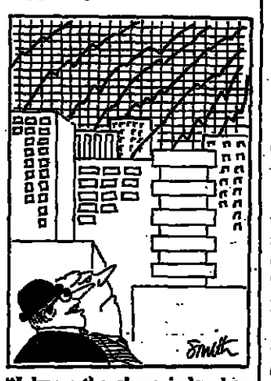
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Fielding bulls

Has the bull market reached its peak? Not yet, according to Savills, the top property agents. On the day that the all-important FT-SE 100 index broke through the 2,000 level, Peter Oswald, Savills' man in the City, tells me confidently that the growl of a bear market is still well out of earshot. He says that a major collapse in share prices is always heralded by a rush of inquiries from big City players for farmland – usually in the £1 million plus price range. "At the moment we have around 100 inquiries on our books but only about 10 per cent are from the City. Most of these are individuals who sold out during Big Bang but are still happy to play the market. We'll have a good idea that the City is in for a tough time when we are inundated with calls for agricultural land. But at the moment that isn't happening."



"I know the share index has gone through the roof but that's ridiculous!"

Short shrift

Employees of Shorts of Belfast, the Government-owned aircraft and missile builders, have been ordered by chairman and managing director Sir Philip Foreman to travel only by the Irish Republic's state carrier, Aer Lingus, when crossing the Atlantic on company business. The decision has been made to reciprocate Aer Lingus's purchase of five Short 360 commuter airliners in recent years. But I gather Foreman's firm directive has produced rebellious mutterings among a number of executives and engineers who see it as yet another unwelcome Anglo-Irish *diktat*.

● **What's in a name? The new director of legal services at Guinness is called, appropriately, Derek Councell.**

Hollow laugh

A sign of the times. Speaking at the USM dinner the other evening, David Cohen, of Chase Manhattan Securities cracked: "What do you give a banker who has everything two years." It went down like the proverbial lead balloon. Not a single titter. "I was both surprised and interested by the response," David said yesterday. "I did hear one or two tables laughing quietly but they were the chartered accountants and lawyers." All the way to the bank, no doubt.

● **Why are Americans pouring liquid detergents into their washing machines while we are still tipping in powder? The answer given by Michael Angus, chairman of Unilever, who should know, is unlikely to go down well with his UK customers. It is, he says, because American shirts are less soiled than ours. Or to put it more bluntly, they wash more often than we do.**

For a song

Nat West Bank, Northern Machine Tools and Kennedy Construction have already agreed to sponsor the forthcoming tour of Poland by the choir of Ampleforth Abbey but more sponsors are still needed. Father Leo Chamberlain, a house master at Ampleforth College, the Roman Catholic school, hopes to raise another £10,000 before the July tour begins. "We've already got enough to cover our costs," he tells me, "but if we can raise the extra £10,000 we will be able to spend it all on medical supplies for Poland - which is the purpose of our journey."

Prior date

One man who is anxiously awaiting the date of the General Election is Charles Prior, managing director of BPP Holdings, the USM-quoted specialist publisher. Prior, nephew of James Prior, former Conservative Secretary of State to Northern Ireland and currently chairman of GEC, has been adopted as the prospective Tory candidate for the Coventry North-east seat – a traditional Labour stronghold. But shareholders of BPP needn't worry about Prior's political aspirations getting in the way of his business commitments. He intends to take three weeks holiday to conduct his campaign once the date of the election is finally announced.

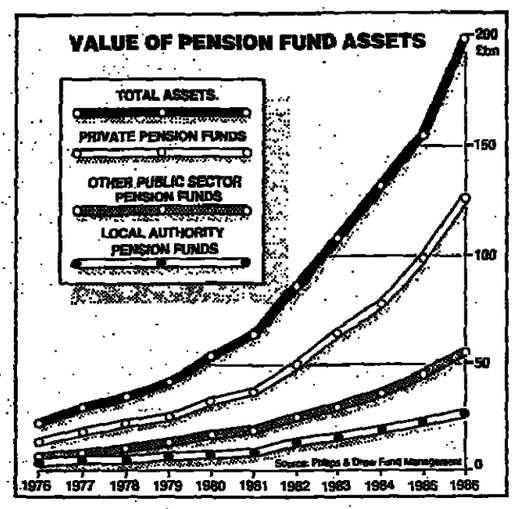
Carol Leonard

ECONOMIC VIEW

Pension fund managers in search of harmony

The pensions industry is unhappy. Despite legislation in the past 12 months which will do more to foster private sector provision for retirement than anything governments have done for years, fund managers and actuaries have been writing to the Chancellor complaining about the new tax arrangements proposed for personal pensions.

Now there is none so difficult to satisfy as a professional lobby in possession of a valuable tax break. But in this case the industry appears to have a sound point – even though it may be difficult to satisfy. Essentially, the complaint is that the Government is doing nothing to harmonize the two quite different sets of tax rules under which pension provision currently operates.



In his Budget a week on Tuesday the Chancellor has to give some indication of the tax regime he proposes to apply to the personal pensions provided for in last year's Social Security Act. Unless the Finance Bill contains the necessary clauses it will be impossible to introduce personal pensions by April next year as intended (let alone any earlier).

In November the Inland Revenue issued a consultative document proposing the rules under which the new pension arrangements might operate and inviting comments by the end of January. The industry has responded with less than total enthusiasm.

One thing everyone is pleased about: the Revenue does not propose to introduce yet another tax regime specifically for personal pensions. The proposal is to apply the existing rules for retirement annuities. Personal pensions will thus operate under the rules for "money purchase" schemes where the benefits depend simply on the amount of money contributed and the performance of the investments in which it is placed.

Under these schemes while there is no limit on total benefits, tax relief is confined to annual premiums no higher than 17½ per cent of income, or higher for older contributors.

Occupational schemes, on the other hand, are mostly "final salary" schemes where benefits depend on pay at retirement coupled with length of service. Pensions payable by occupational schemes are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of final salary with separate limits on the amount which can be taken in the form of a lump sum on retirement.

In addition there are limits on contributions paid by employees, which cannot be higher than 15 per cent of current earnings, while employer and employee contributions together may not be higher than necessary to provide the promised benefits.

The whole thrust of the Government's policy on pensions is to increase choice and flexibility in providing for retirement. An efficient labour market is one in which the right person can be matched easily with the right job – at a price reflecting the supply of job applicants and the demand for that type of labour.

Housing problems are one obstacle to movement; pension rights can be another. Most notoriously the rights to a pension based on final salary have in the past deterred executives in their late fifties from moving from one company to another where they would not have built up rights in the occupational scheme.

And the injustice by which people moving jobs tended to pay for the pensions of those who stayed where they were has been largely removed by the requirement on occupational schemes to allow members to withdraw their pension rights.

Given a proper degree of supervision, diversity and a product tailored to the needs of the customer are best provided by the private sector. The Government's decision to reduce the benefits obtainable under the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme and introduce the personal pension will, over time, be as significant an act of privatization as the sale of British Telecom and British Gas.

Occupational schemes are trying already to respond to customer demand by combining the certainty of final salary schemes with the flexibility of money purchase. The additional voluntary contributions which occupational schemes are now obliged to accept are usually invested to provide benefits on a money purchase basis. But the two different tax regimes make these hybrid schemes difficult to operate.

"The present code," complains the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in a recent letter to the Chancellor, "does not recognize that freedom to move between occupational schemes and personal pensions, and to combine features of final salary and money purchase benefits, is at the heart of the new arrangements."

The Actuaries and the National Association of Pension Funds also want people not only to be able to switch easily from occupational schemes to personal pensions but to be able to belong to both at the same time.

There are certainly attractions in combining the best features of both, but to offer a contracted out rebate both in respect of fund membership and a personal pension could be an substantial burden on public expenditure.

What will be possible is for small companies to buy personal pensions for their employees rather than face the expense of running their own fund.

One restriction which probably will be removed is the prohibition on membership of more than one personal pension. This makes it impossible to combine the stability of, say, a bank or building society linked scheme with the better performance of an equity linked pension.

Changes in the tax regime to bring the rules for final salary and money purchase provision closer together could face considerable transitional problems. But sooner or later the challenge needs to be taken up.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

TEMPUS

CU finally shakes off accident-prone image

Faced with the novelty of a set of sound results from Commercial Union the market was thrown off balance. Some brokers even tried to prove that the figures were not as good as they seemed. They did not get very far, however, and had to admit that CU really had put aside its accident-prone image.

Admittedly the US operation is still trailing the competition but it has done much to improve its earnings quality. The benefits of this action are beginning to show through in the reduction in underwriting losses. However, there was an adverse impact from terminated accounts and CU's disproportionate burden of involuntary business.

In Britain, the group has a good mix of high quality business which is growing steadily. The first quarter of the current year will again bear about £10 million of additional weather-related costs.

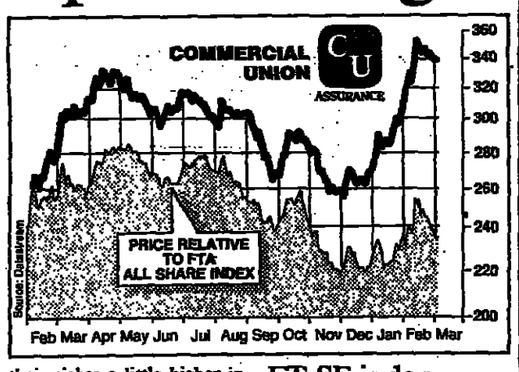
Elsewhere overseas, Canada should continue to hold its own helped by rising premiums. The Netherlands is, however, more of a problem area but the initial deliberations of a team of management consultants are being digested at present. A marked improvement from this operation should be forthcoming in 1988.

The composite insurance sector has historically been the one which most clearly demonstrates investors' tendancy to look ahead – as soon as the companies begin to earn acceptable results, the market discounts ahead for the downturn in the cycle caused by falling rates.

The current peak is in sight but many of the majors are in a much stronger position now than they were. Their mix of business is better quality while stronger balance sheets will help to pay the all important dividends.

CU is continuing its strategy of concentrating on its core insurance business, especially underwriting. The aim is to maintain the group's position in a soft market but to target specific niche areas when conditions are more buoyant.

Commercial Union could make something in the region of £200 million this year (eps 35p). Because of its accident prone image, its shares are selling at a large discount to the sector. Leaving aside takeover talk, CU shares should outperform the other majors in the sector although some profit taking in the sector may create a temporary lull in the proceedings.



their sights a little higher in the last day or two and were thus disappointed with the eventual pretax profit of £123.2 million for 1986.

The final quarter proved to be the best the group had had as the upswing in the composite insurance sector generated pace, but it was not good enough to lift the results above the estimates that most analysts had pencilled in at the end of February.

With earnings almost trebling, from 20.5p to 60.5p a share, the recommendation of an 18p final dividend, making 28p for the year which was a rise of 6p, was no surprise. But eyebrows were raised at the unusually optimistic nature of the accompanying statement outlining expectations for the present year.

Clearly the motor account was still giving cause for concern at the end of the year. General Accident insures more of Britain's motorists than anybody else – it has about 12-13 per cent of the market – and has been hit harder than most by the continuing escalation in claims.

It has, however, succeeded in hiking its motor premium rates by 28 per cent over the past 12 months, and it will be disappointing if the group cannot show a significant rating in 1987.

In addition General Accident has, like Commercial Union, found the going extremely tough in the Netherlands, where its business was not large enough to bring it the normal benefits of scale.

Despite the heartening statement from the General Accident boardroom, few analysts were initially prepared yesterday to upgrade their 1987 forecasts from around the £225 million mark.

The fall in the share price, 13p to 1021p, represented, of course, little more than a reaction to the buoyancy of the last few days. It has come up by about a quarter since early December and stands at only a 6.4 per cent discount to the December 31 net asset value of 1091p a share – up from 940p a year ago. It may have a little more mileage in it yet.

FT-SE index

It has taken the FT-SE 100 share index little more than three years to double from its opening level, fixed at 1000 on January 3 1984. In that time the "Footsie" as it is familiarly known in the City has well and truly supplanted the old FT Industrial Index of 30 shares as the key barometer of stock market health.

Yesterday the FT-SE briefly pierced the 2000 barrier for the first time, underlining in a neat arithmetical manner the fact that the London Stock Exchange has been experiencing one of the most remarkable sustained bull phases since the new index was created.

Unlike the FT 30 index, which is updated hourly, the FT-SE is changed minute-by-minute so that it can be used as the basis for financial futures contracts based on movements in the levels of the Stock Exchange.

The other widely followed indices used by professionals are the FT Actuaries series. The best known of these is the FTA All-share index which was designed to give a once-a-day reading of the overall level of the market to be used by fund managers as a performance benchmark.

Neither the FTA nor the FT 30 were suitable as a basis for futures contracts. The prime requirement was that any new index should perform like a large institutional portfolio of stock if it was to be any use as a hedging instrument.

The FT 30 is a geometrically-based index arrived at by taking the nth root of the aggregate price changes of a portfolio of n shares. For the fund manager there are significant differences over time in an index calculated by geometric means rather than one which takes an arithmetic mean of price changes.

The FT 30 index has another limitation in that it is calculated without reference to the market capitalization of the stocks of which it is made up. The FT-SE is both geometric and weighted by capitalization. It has served its purpose well

Long may it flourish.

General Accident

Whether it was the excellent Royal results or simply the onset of spring, followers of General Accident had aimed

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Can anything curb the gilt-edged boom?

The gilt-edged market again had the bit between its teeth yesterday, receiving its oats at 9 am when the Government Broker opened the new tap, 9 per cent Exchequer 2002 at £20⅛ per cent. By 3.32 pm its bag was overflowing: the GB announced that all £1 billion of the new stock, which saw the light of day on on Monday, had been sold. The price at that time had moved to a premium of ⅝. Manifestly, as I wrote here on Tuesday, this offering, which required only £20 per cent down on application, was a golden invitation to join the gilt-edged party.

The party mood and the profits from shrewd positioning in this market are such that those like John Lewis of Phillips & Drew who are forecasting an increase in the number of primary dealers, currently 27, must feel that their money is safe. The mix of course is likely to be different but the determination among the 27 not to be the first to leave the field must be growing by the day.

Gilts are seen as a very good bet on the certainty (or near certainty) that interest rates will fall. If market forces were allowed to operate bank base rates would already have been cut. But the Chancellor clearly prefers to keep this attractive option open at least until Budget Day (March 17). Until they are cut the City can happily contemplate not just 1 per cent off but perhaps 2.

It has to be said that the market is discounting more than lower interest rates. Expectations of a "good Budget" are solid. There are two points worth making about the Budget in this context: (1) there are degrees and there are different definitions of "goodness;" (2) Government politicians facing an election do not normally think along the same virtuous lines as the market, though this year their thoughts may have converged.

The gilt scenario also includes the return of a Conservative government, sooner rather than later, and even the helpful, if misty, prospect of our becoming a full member of the European Monetary System. But if there is scope for argument on all three projections, the current realities are hardly open to dispute.

Interest rates are coming down. The pound is firm and though the latest international Group of Six accord on currency values might require some downard adjustment, it would need an act of courage to set sterling on a downward path in the belief that a fall could always be contained or reversed. A similar argument might be deployed from the state of the reserves. In the 12 months to October last they fell by £1,185 million; in the four months since they have risen by £490 million. Why not perhaps help rebuild the reserves by selling sterling as part of the currency adjustment programme? Meanwhile the crude oil price is rising and with the New York bond market suffering a fit of anxiety, London is where the action is.

So if this buoyant mood remains, let alone grows stronger, what can the Treasury and Bank of England do to calm it? As I have said, the Chancellor has his own reasons for delaying base rate cuts and the Bank has a psychological hatred of being seen to follow the market's lead. They might risk putting some downward pressure on the pound. In the name of disipline and control they might issue a big new tap stock on terms designed to stop the gilt-edged market in its tracks. We can only wait and see.

Midland rise on bank boom

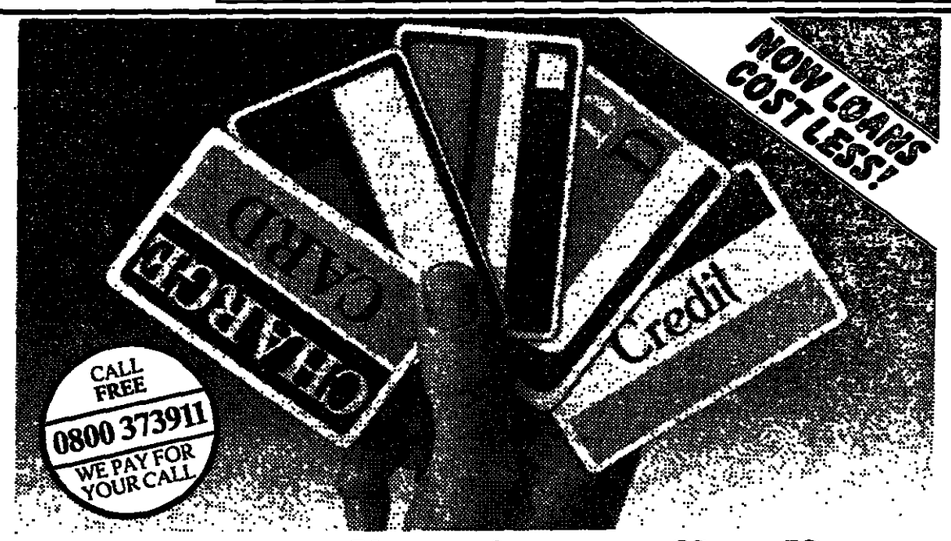
Midland Bank has finally cut its way out of the undergrowth and is striving to rejoin its peers on the upland plains. The latest results, revealed yesterday, are solid and relatively reassuring: good enough to give hope to a market made wary by Midland's big Latin American exposure and its evident need for a rights issue.

Without the millstone of Crocker National around its neck, Midland looks much less the odd man out. Its figures are simply its own variations on themes already familiar from last week's results of other clearers, and they confirm that despite all black spots, the British banking industry is enjoying good times.

Midland is no different in deriving the lion's share of profits from UK banking. It claims to have hung on to the slight advance in market share gained from its early plunge into free banking in 1985, and it has doubled its mortgage portfolio.

Despite the exorbitant rates of interest the banks (it used to be called usury) charge on personal lending, interest margins have been squeezed and the need for commission income is more acute than ever. It is coming through handsomely to all the banks, Midland as much as any.

The area where Midland remains a maverick is in investment banking. The bank is not exactly doing something unusual but it chooses to include its Treasury operations in the result, something other banks do not. And hey presto! this is the cause of almost all its £65 million profit from investment banking. Is it not just a little cowardly not to make public the results without Treasury profits? This is, after all, one of the main areas in which Midland has said its future lies. It is right that the market should be able to make a reasonable comparison with Midland's competitors across the range of business.



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COMPANY NEWS

● **SOUTHERN BUSINESS GROUP:** The board proposes to raise about £8 million (net) by a placing of 3,865,055 new ordinary shares at 215p a share. The new shares have been conditionally placed with investment institutions, subject to the invitation to shareholders by Samuel Montagu. The directors have arranged for SM to invite existing holders to subscribe for new shares at the placing price, on the basis of one new ordinary share for every four shares held.

● **INSTEM:** Year to December 26 (figures in £000). Final dividend 1.5p, making 2.5p (2.25p), payable July 2. Turnover 7,445 (6,057), gross profit 2,178 (1,952), pretax profit 816 (872), eps 11.8p (11.2p).

● **ST MODWEN PROPERTIES:** Dividend 0.2p (nil) for 14 months to November 30 (corresponding 12 months). Figures in £000. Turnover 12,177 (795), gross profit 2,774 (795), operating profit 2,037 (598), pretax profit 1,077 (210), eps 0.9 (0.9). The chairman looks forward to increased profits in the current year.

● **REGENT CREST:** Six months to October 31. Turnover £296,000 (£125,000). Pretax loss £42,000 (£62,000 loss). Loss per share 0.30p (0.40p). In view of the progress made since October 31, the directors are confident of recommending a final dividend for the full year. The company's aim is to continue to expand both organically and by acquisition.

● **BRITANNIA SECURITY GROUP:** Britannia has issued 262,530 shares as deferred consideration for the acquisition of Phoenix Security Services.

● **ASSOCIATED FISHERIES:** The company has agreed with Unigate (UK) for the sale to Unigate for cash of B and A Britton. Britton manufacres and sells prepared salads and salad dressings. It had net liabilities at September 30 of £125,169. It is estimated that the transaction will realize £1,905,000.

● **COOKSON GROUP:** After the offer, by way of a rights issue of 34,901,110 new ordinary shares at 480p, 33,826,754 (96.9 per cent) were taken up.

● **JOHN HAGGAS:** Six months to December 31. Interim dividend 1p as forecast, payable on April 24. Figures in £000. Sales 12,080 (12,069), pretax profit 1,730 (1,472), eps 5.9p (4.3p). The demand for nearly all of the company's products is strong and profits this year are expected to be ahead of last year.

● **EGLINTON OIL AND GAS:** The company's American subsidiary has agreed a third joint venture project giving it a 5,000-acre gold prospecting area in the immediate vicinity of one of the largest new gold mines in the US. The prospecting area is in Humbolt County, Nevada.

● **WELPAC:** A conditional agreement has been reached for Welpac to acquire Shawe Metal Spinners, Cosmo Lighting, Dominant Lighting, and Shredvale Enterprises. The total consideration of £1,000,000 is to be satisfied by the issue of 5,882,353 new ordinary shares.

New Oftel code urges equal treatment for Mercury

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Overseas monopoly telecommunications operators are urged to work directly with Mercury Communications as well as British Telecom in a code of practice published yesterday by the Office of Telecommunications.

The code governs arrangements the two companies may make with overseas operators for the sending and receiving of voice, data and telex traffic. It is aimed at promoting competition in international services and assisting Mercury to establish itself in overseas markets, where many public telephone operators have refused to deal with Mercury.

To ensure that overseas monopolist operators cannot use the competition between BT and Mercury to gain an unfair advantage over Britain, Oftel has ruled that the two companies must accept the same financial and other terms with overseas operators. This formalizes existing practice.



Bryan Carsberg: pushing for balance in traffic returns

Exceptions to this rule may be made if greater flexibility would help Mercury break into new countries, and where arrangements are being made with a country (at the moment only the US) with competitive telecommunications carriers.

More importantly for Mercury — although outside Oftel's control — Professor Bryan Carsberg, the director general, has also said he would like to see "proportionate return" agreements so that the overseas operator sends traffic to each of the UK companies in the same proportion as the traffic it receives.

Professor Carsberg said: "If Mercury is to establish its own overseas links, then it must know that efforts will be made to encourage foreign PTTs (telecommunications operators) to correspond with both UK companies."

Mercury has found it difficult to negotiate direct access to overseas telecommunications monopolies. For instance, it has no agreement for public switched traffic with any European country, where it is forced to send its outward traffic via British Telecom and receives no return traffic.

The Oftel code, which is the first judgement by Oftel to affect overseas arrangements, warns political and diplomatic pressure will be stepped up if overseas countries refuse to work with Mercury.

Mr Gordon Owen, the managing director of Mercury, said: "The Oftel determination could never get us in, but it does reaffirm support from the British Government."

Meanwhile, British political pressure is mounting in support of Cable and Wireless's attempts to establish a second international telecommunications service in Japan.

C&W has a 20 per cent stake in IDC, a Japanese-British-US consortium examining the feasibility of a rival international service.

THF hotel takeover approved

By Colin Narbrough

Trusthouse Forte's £200 million purchase last year of hotels, restaurants and roadside inns from Hanson Trust yesterday received the blessing of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, despite the large market share the acquisition gives THF in parts of the sector.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, referred the acquisition last October on a recommendation from the Office of Fair Trading. THF bought the 205 outlets last August.

The MMC report, published two months before the official deadline, said the Commission was unanimous that the purchase of Anchor Hotels, Imperial Inns and the Welcome Break motorway service areas and the Happy Eater chain from Hanson is not expected to operate against the public interest.

The Commission focused on the roadside catering operations of Happy Eater and THF's Little Chef chain, saying that the "potential for monopolistic behaviour may have increased." They had a powerful position, enhanced by strongly branded images.

Motorists were still left a wide choice of alternatives on main roads, the MMC said.

With 203 hotels out of a British total of 30,000, THF is the country's largest hotelier, but, said the MMC, it does not dominate the market. The Hanson package increased the number of motorway service areas THF operates by four to 15. The national total is 47, of which THF's nearest rival, Granada, runs 14 sites.

General Accident

RESULTS FOR 1986

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WORLDWIDE RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1986

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1986 will be published on 13th April 1987, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1986, with actual figures for 1985, are as follows:-

	1986 £M	1985 £M
Premium Income		
General Business	2,184.8	1,691.3
Long Term Business	199.5	205.0
	2,384.3	1,896.3
Investment Income (see note)	297.8	256.7
Underwriting – General Business Result	(180.9)	(237.0)
Long Term Business Profits	10.4	8.8
	127.3	28.5
Less Interest on Loans	2.2	2.0
UK Employee Profit Sharing Scheme	1.9	–
Profit before Taxation	123.2	26.5
Taxation – U.K. and Overseas	10.1	(10.0)
Profit after Taxation	113.1	36.5
Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	2.3	2.0
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	110.8	34.5
Earnings per Share	60.5p	20.5p
Dividend per Share	28.0p	22.0p
Net Assets per Share	1091p	940p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results.		
U.S.A.	$1.48	$1.45
Canada	$2.05	$2.02

Notes 1. Investment income excludes £11.7m (1985 £11.5m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.
2. The 1986 figures include the results of Pilot Insurance of Canada for the first time.

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income and Underwriting Result

(before internal reinsurance)

	1986 Premium Income	1986 Underwriting Result	1985 Premium Income	1985 Underwriting Result
	£M	£M	£M	£M
U.K.	720.0	(64.9)	585.4	(79.6)
U.S.A.	812.6	(67.3)	677.4	(96.6)
EEC other than UK	152.3	(23.6)	109.2	(15.5)
Canada	261.4	(8.4)	144.7	(32.1)
Australia	37.7	(6.5)	34.8	(5.3)
Others, including London Market Business	200.8	(10.2)	139.8	(7.9)
	2,184.8	(180.9)	1,691.3	(237.0)

Life Department

There was an increased contribution to profit and loss account from our long term funds, which also recorded UK new business production as follows:

	1986 £M	1985 £M
New Life and Annuity Premiums		
Annual	29.2	25.7
Single	30.5	48.2

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1986

The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 6th May 1987, a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 18.0p per share (1985 14.0p) payable on or after 1st July 1987, to Shareholders on the register on 1st June 1987. The total dividend for the year of 28.0p per share (1985 – 22.0p per share) will cost £51.6m (1985 £37.0m).

Net Assets

The net asset value of the group increased during the year by £431m to £2,011m.

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation plc.

World Headquarters: Pitheavlis, Perth, Scotland PH2 0NH.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 4	Market rates close March 4	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5845-1.5875	1.5845-1.5855	0.63-0.60prem	1.81-1.56prem
Montreal	2.0825-2.0888	2.0831-2.0860	0.69-0.59prem	1.82-1.47prem
Amst'dam	3.2313-3.2453	3.2409-3.2453	1⅝-1⅝prem	4¼-4prem
Brussels	59.24-59.54	59.42-59.54	20-15prem	48-40prem
C'phgen	10.7897-10.8205	10.7966-10.8192	¼prem-1¼dis	2-3¼dis
Dublin	1.0733-1.0783	1.0758-1.0768	25-35dis	98-111dis
Frankfurt	2.8613-2.8750	2.8709-2.8750	1⅜-1⅝prem	4¼-4½prem
Lisbon	220.11-221.49	220.28-221.21	67-150dis	288-380dis
Madrid	201.21-201.88	201.50-201.88	37-61dis	135-173
Milan	2032.42-2044.54	2038.54-2044.54	4-1prem	6-nilprem
Oslo	10.9682-10.9129	10.8986-10.8924	2¾-3¼dis	11¾-13dis
Paris	9.5201-9.5683	9.5513-9.5683	2½-2prem	5¼-4¼prem
Sr'khlm	10.0643-10.0945	10.0765-10.0843	⅜-1¼dis	⅜-2dis
Tokyo	240.00-240.85	240.31-240.70	1½-⅜prem	3¼-3¾prem
Vienna	20.10-20.18	20.12-20.15	11¾-10⅝ prem	29¾-27¾ prem
Zurich	2.4078-2.4234	2.4187-2.4234	1½-1¼prem	4¼-3¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 70.9 (day's range 70.7-70.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4038-2.4148
Australia dollar	2.3012-2.3045
Bahrain dinar	0.5870-0.5910
Brazil cruzado*	27.7589-27.9153
Cyprus pound	0.7500-0.7800
Finland marka	7.0395-7.0795
Greece drachma	208.75-210.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.2200-12.2290
India rupee	20.20-20.40
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4310-0.4350
Malaysia dollar	3.9400-3.9800
Mexico peso	1640.0-1690.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7600-2.7800
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8420-5.8820
Singapore dollar	3.3465-3.3503
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6880-5.7982
S Africa rand (com)	3.2409-3.2532
U A E dirham	5.7205-5.7805
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4555-1.4575
Singapore	2.1370-2.1380
Malaysia	2.6200-2.6215
Australia	0.6800-0.6805
Canada	1.3318-1.3325
Sweden	6.4400-6.4450
Norway	6.9525-6.9575
Denmark	6.8950-6.9000
West Germany	1.8325-1.8335
Switzerland	1.5430-1.5440
Netherlands	2.0680-2.0690
France	6.0950-6.1000
Japan	153.50-153.60
Italy	1302.0-1303.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.92-37.95
Hong Kong	7.7985-7.7990
Portugal	140.80-141.30
Spain	129.00-129.10
Austria	12.91-12.93

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 4/3/87 British Gas, Fisons, Underwoods, CI Group, Bula, Atlantic Res., Benlox Holdings, Dares Estates, Virgin Group, Martin Ford, Elswick, Premier, Stamgaard, Micro Focus Group, Crown TV, Hawley Group, Windsmoor, Blacks Leisure, Phoenix Props., Sunleigh Elect., Norfolk Cap., Stone Intnl., Northern Eng., Aran Energy, Eagle Trust, Hawthorn Leis., Eglington, Burton, Pavion, Guinness, Greenwich Res., The Times' Veneer, Brent Walker, Guinness Peat, Cadbury, Rivlin, Wellcome, Mitchell Cotts, Palma Group, British Benzol, Ryan Intnl., Rotaprint, Amstrad, St. Modwen, Hillards, Property Trust.
Puts: The Times' Veneer, Ultramar, CI Group, Dares Estates.
Puts & Calls: Blacs Leisure, Capital Radio, Norfolk Cap.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11⅛ Low 10
Week fixed: 11⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 10⅝ / 2 mnth 10⅝
3 mnth 10$^{7}/_{32}$ / 3 mnth 10$^{5}/_{16}$

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10$^{27}/_{32}$-10$^{13}/_{16}$ a2 mnth 10$^{5}/_{16}$-10$^{3}/_{16}$
3 mnth 10⅝-10 / 6 mnth 9¾-9$^{17}/_{32}$

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11$^{15}/_{32}$ / 2 mnth 10$^{15}/_{16}$
3 mnth 10⅝ / 6 mnth 10⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅛ close 11⅛
1 week 11$^{3}/_{16}$-11$^{7}/_{16}$ / 6 mnth 10$^{5}/_{16}$-10$^{1}/_{16}$
1 mnth 11-10⅝ / 9 mnth 10$^{3}/_{16}$-10$^{1}/_{16}$
3 mnth 10$^{7}/_{16}$-10$^{3}/_{16}$ / 12 mnth 10⅛-10$^{1}/_{16}$

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11 / 7 days 11
1 mnth 10⅝ / 3 mnth 10½
6 mnth 10⅜ / 12 mnth 9⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 / 2 mnth 11⅜-10⅝
3 mnth 10⅝-10⅜ / 6 mnth 10½-10¼
9 mnth 10$^{7}/_{16}$-10$^{3}/_{16}$ / 12 mnth 10⅜-10⅛

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10$^{15}/_{16}$-10⅝ / 3 mnth 10$^{5}/_{32}$-10$^{3}/_{32}$
6 mnth 10-9$^{29}/_{32}$ / 12 mnth 9$^{31}/_{32}$-9$^{29}/_{32}$

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.40-6.35 / 3 mnth 6.30-6.25
6 mnth 6.30-6.25 / 12 mnth 6.40-6.35

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	6¼-6⅛	
7 days	5$^{15}/_{16}$-6¼	1 mnth	6⅜-6¼
3 mnth	6⅜-6⅛	6 mnth	6⅜-6⅛
Deutschmark		call	4¼-3¾
7 days	4-3⅝	1 mnth	4$^{1}/_{16}$-3$^{15}/_{16}$
3 mnth	4$^{1}/_{16}$-3$^{15}/_{16}$	6 mnth	4¼-4
French Franc		call	8¼-7⅝
7 days	7¼-7⅜	1 mnth	8⅜-8
3 mnth	8$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{1}/_{16}$	6 mnth	8¼-8⅛
Swiss Franc		call	2⅜-1½
7 days	1$^{15}/_{16}$-1$^{13}/_{16}$	1 mnth	4¼-4
3 mnth	3$^{15}/_{16}$-3$^{13}/_{16}$	6 mnth	3⅞-3¾
Yen		call	4⅜-3⅜
7 days	4⅜-4¼	1 mnth	4$^{11}/_{16}$-4$^{9}/_{16}$
3 mnth	4¾-4⅝	6 mnth	4¾-4⅝

BULLION

Gold: $406.25-406.75
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $ 408.00-411.00 (£280.75-282.75)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $ 97.00-98.00 (£62.00-62.75)
Platinum $ 529.25 (£337.95)
Silver $ 5.4600-5.4800 (£3.4850-3.5050)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 31, 1987 to February 27, 1987 inclusive: 10.896 per cent.

BRITISH AIRWAYS
GAS · TSB
BRITISH TELECOM
CABLE & WIRELESS
LONDON: 01-404 4411
EDINBURGH: 031-226 5445
9am-6pm. MON-FRI
WALTER L. JACOB & COMPANY Ltd
SPECIALISING IN SMALL ACCOUNTS
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HAGGAS

JOHN HAGGAS plc
INTERIM STATEMENT

	6 months to 31.12.86 £'000 (unaudited)	6 months to 31.12.85 £'000 (unaudited)	year to 30.6.86 £'000
Net turnover	12080	12069	26020
Profit before taxation	1730	1472	3230
less: pre-acquisition profit	nil	194	216
	1730	1278	3014
Taxation	550	423	1111
Profit after taxation	1180	855	1903
Interim dividend	119	–	–
Retained profit	1061	855	1903
Earnings per share	5.9p	4.3p	10.1p

Interim dividend of 1p per share will be paid on 24th April 1987 to registered shareholders on 9th March 1987.

- Record sales and profit
- Gilt-edged holdings exceed £5m.
- Outlook promising

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.72	89.85	89.70	89.81	1609
Jun 87	90.36	90.48	90.35	90.45	4093
Sep 87	90.60	90.66	90.60	90.65	598
Dec 87	90.58	90.64	90.58	90.66	215
Mar 88	90.50	90.52	90.50	90.57	46
Jun 88	90.38	90.38	90.38	90.41	20
Previous day's total open interest 21105					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Previous day's total open interest 29196					
Mar 87	93.58	93.60	93.56	93.59	683
Jun 87	93.64	93.67	93.64	93.67	2666
Sep 87	93.65	93.66	93.64	93.66	190
Dec 87	93.57	93.57	93.55	93.56	80
US Treasury Bond					
Previous day's total open interest 4034					
Mar 87	101-06	101-18	101-02	101-19	190
Jun 87	100-22	100-14	99-31	100-13	1759
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	99-11	0
Short Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 64					
Mar 87	N/T	—	—	101-06	0
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt					
Previous day's total open interest 17957					
Mar 87	120-07	120-24	120-07	120-23	716
Jun 87	120-03	121-04	120-03	121-00	25511
Sep 87	120-07	120-07	120-07	120-26	80
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	121-01	0
FT-SE 100					
Previous day's total open interest 4674					
Mar 87	202.50	202.80	201.10	201.95	1167
Jun 87	206.00	206.50	204.90	205.50	52

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*384)	330	62	72	82	1	6	8
	360	36	47	60	6	13	16
	390	18	32	40	23	28	32
British Gas (*83)	60	23⅛	25⅛	30	⅛	1	1
	70	13⅛	17⅛	22⅛	1	2⅛	3⅛
	80	6⅛	12⅛	15⅛	3⅛	5⅛	6⅛
British Airways (*111)	100	15	20	23	2	6	8
	110	8	12½	17	5	10⅛	13
	120	4	9	12	10	17	20
BP (*803)	700	112	133	158	5	10	20
	750	65	90	115	12	18	27
	800	33	58	75	30	35	45
Cons Gold (*831)	700	137	150	162	3	15	22
	750	90	112	125	10	27	40
	800	52	87	100	30	40	62
Courtaulds (*414)	330	92	970	112	2	2⅝	8
	360	62	73	92	3	7	11
	390	36	55	75	9	20	25
	420	20	43	54	24	33	36
Com Union (*385)	300	39	46	58	5	10	13
	330	18	28	36	17	20	24
	360	10	17	25	40	42	45
Cable & Wire (*355)	325	38	—	—	4	—	—
	350	22	—	—	14	—	—
	360	—	30	50	—	30	38
	390	10	17	37	43	50	60
GEC (*229)	200	34	44	52	2	5	8
	220	22	32	37	8	11	16
	240	12	23	28	20	26	30
Grand Met (*519)	420	108	123	132	1	3	5
	460	68	85	97	3	8	12
	500	37	57	67	12	18	25
	550	13	28	33	49	45	50
ICI (*1373)	1300	87	135	165	25	42	65
	1350	58	110	138	45	68	85
	1400	33	85	110	70	95	110
	1450	22	60	880	102	155	135
Land Securities (*369)	330	36	40	51	2	6	9
	360	15	25	35	10	16	21
	390	4½	11	23	33	38	42
Marks & Spen (*225)	180	49	53	61	1	1½	3
	200	30	36	44	2	5	9
	220	13	20	29	8½	14	18
Shell Trans (*1109)	1000	110	117	135	13	23	32
	1050	60	80	105	27	35	45
	1100	32	52	75	50	60	67
Trafalgar House (*328)	280	54	61	71	2	4	8
	300	36	45	57	6	10	14
	330	17	30	43	19	23	30
TSB (*79)	70	10¼	14	16	1	2¼	2¾
	80	4	7½	9	4½	5¾	6½
	90	1	2¾	—	12	12½	—
Woolworth (*773)	700	86	110	130	6	15	23
	750	55	75	85	20	25	43
	800	30	45	55	50	65	70

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*548)	420	133	142	150	1	2	4
	460	93	105	117	2	6	10
	500	53	75	88	3	17	20
	550	16	42	57	23	40	50
Boots (*327)	280	48	56	60	1	4	8
	300	29	41	49	2	10	16
	330	9	22	33	13	21	27
BTR (*338)	280	62	67	75	½	4	6
	300	42	50	60	1	7	10
	330	15	28	40	7	18	22
Bass (*535)	600	140	155	178	1	8	15
	650	90	115	138	2	15	30
	900	42	80	108	12	35	50
Blue Circle (*700)	650	57	67	85	5	10	22
	700	18	43	55	15	30	42
	750	5	20	33	58	70	80
De Beers (*1062)	850	225	245	275	2	15	30
	900	175	200	235	8	25	45
	950	125	170	200	15	35	60
	1000	90	150	185	40	60	85
Dixons (*393)	330	66	80	90	1	3	7
	360	36	56	66	2	10	16
	390	17	66	46	13	22	24
GKN (*340)	280	63	66	73	1	4	5
	300	42	47	55	1½	9	12
	330	19	29	37	9	16	21
	360	7	16	21	25	33	37
Glaxo (*1557)	1500	80	150	210	15	60	85
	1550	50	125	180	40	85	105
	1600	33	105	155	80	145	135
	1650	17	85	130	110	145	155

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Hanson (*167)	135	32½	36½	40	⅛	1½	3
	150	18	24	29	1	3½	6
	165	5⅛	14	20	3⅛	8	11
	180	1	6⅛	12	13⅛	16	17
Jaguar (*631)	550	83	850	102	1	13	12
	600	24	55	682	11	35	40
	650	8	33	43	45	53	57
Sears (*144)	130	—	21	24½	—	3	4½
	140	—	14	17⅛	—	7	9
	160	—	5⅛	9	—	19	20
Tesco (*480)	420	63	73	93	2	6	12
	460	30	43	60	8	17	18
	500	6	25	35	30	35	45
Thorn EMI (*699)	460	188	198	205	½	1	2
	600	143	158	165	½	2	3
	550	93	110	120	5	6	11
	600	43	70	77	8	20	27
THF (*217)	180	39	45	52	1	2½	3
	200	20	30	38	1	7	11
	220	6	18	28	9	14	19

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Brit Aero (*685)	600	97	115	—	8	11	—
	650	62	85	102	20	30	33
	700	35	58	77	45	50	60
BAT Inds (*535)	420	118	130	—	1	5	—
	460	78	959	—	2	15	—
	500	47	57	77	9	14	20
	550	23	40	50	35	40	43
Barclays (*525)	500	37	62	75	17	25	35
	550	17	32	47	47	52	57
	600	10	20	27	90	92	97
Brit Telecom (*254)	220	40	47	54	2½	5	9
	240	24	31	39	6	12	16
	260	12	20	28	14	22	27
Cadbury Schwpps (*258)	240	26	38	49	7	12	18
	260	16	29	39	17	21	24
	280	10	20	—	34	36	—
Guinness (*324)	300	45	63	88	13	22	27
	330	27	42	50	25	35	40
	360	11	23	—	45	47	—
Ladbroke (*451)	390	63	80	—	3	8	—
	420	45	57	72	16	20	22
	460	22	35	48	30	35	40
LASMO (*200)	180	44	48	—	5	7	—
	180	29	36	39	10	14	15
	200	17	23	29	16	22	27
Midland Bank (*635)	550	88	102	—	10	17	—
	600	48	67	85	23	32	37
	650	22	40	60	47	55	60
P & O (*540)	550	98	112	—	4	10	—
	600	55	72	87	15	25	33
	650	22	40	57	35	42	50
Racal (*245)	220	34	44	52	5	12	14
	240	21	35	42	13	22	28
	260	12	24	33	24	34	38
RTZ (*735)	650	110	125	—	9	12	—
	700	70	92	107	20	25	38
	750	45	70	85	44	62	72
	800	22	43	60	87	97	100
Vaal Reef (*93)	80	18½	24½	27	2⅝	4⅜	6¾
	90	11¼	16½	19¼	5	8½	10¾
	100	5⅝	10¼	—	12	13¾	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Lonrho (*282)	200	84	89	—	⅛	1⅛	—
	220	64	69	74	1	1⅞	2
	240	44	51	56	1	4	5¼
	260	24	35	40	2	8	10
	280	9	22	28	6	15	17

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*2107)	104	3⅝	3⅞	—	$^{5}/_{16}$	⅝	—
	106	2	2⅛	3$^{1}/_{16}$	$^{15}/_{16}$	1⅛	1⅜
	108	1	1⅝	2⅛	3$^{1}/_{16}$	2⅝	2⅞
	110	½	—	—	3⅝	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*2118)	112	7	7⅝	—	⅜	1	—
	114	5$^{9}/_{16}$	6$^{3}/_{16}$	—	⅝	1⅛	—
	116	4⅛	5⅛	5⅝	1⅜	2⅛	3
	118	4$^{7}/_{16}$	4$^{3}/_{16}$	4⅞	2$^{1}/_{16}$	4$^{7}/_{16}$	4$^{3}/_{16}$
	120	2	—	—	3$^{1}

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Portfolio Gold

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Courts (Furn) 'A'	Drapery.Stores	
2	Nat Aust Bk	Banks.Discount	
3	Ford (Marim)	Drapery.Stores	
4	Underwoods	Drapery.Stores	
5	Beaufield	Industrials A-D	
6	Britannia Security	Electricals	
7	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
8	Billam (J)	Industrials A-D	
9	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
10	Beazer (CH)	Industrials A-D	
11	Crystalate	Electricals	
12	Black Arrow	Industrials A-D	
13	Coats Viyella (aa)	Drapery.Stores	
14	Liberty	Drapery.Stores	
15	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
16	First Nat Finance	Banks.Discount	
17	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
18	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
19	Taylor Woodrow	Building.Roads	
20	Baggeridge Brick	Building.Roads	
21	Cookson	Industrials A-D	
22	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
23	Magnet & Southn	Building.Roads	
24	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
25	Davy	Industrials A-D	
26	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	Foods	
27	Woolworth (aa)	Drapery.Stores	
28	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
29	Bejam	Foods	
30	Etam	Drapery.Stores	
31	Allied Lyons	Breweries	
32	Logica	Electricals	
33	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
34	Hambro Countrywid	Property	
35	Gold Greenless	Paper.Print.Adv	
36	Vaux	Breweries	
37	Western Bros	Building.Roads	
38	Illingworth	Textiles	
39	Frogmore	Property	
40	Macro 4	Electricals	
41	BSR	Electricals	
42	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
43	Hestair	Industrials E-K	
44	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1986 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Only %	Gross Red. %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

992	94	Exch	10½%	1987	99⅛	●	10.5	11.8
100	94	Fund	8½%	1986-87	99⅛		10.5	13.5
101	95	Treas	10%	1987	99⅝		10.0	10.3
99	93	Treas	9%	1987	99⅛		13.0	9.6
102	94	Treas	12%	1987	101⅛		11.8	9.6
96	93	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	98⅝		7.8	9.3
104	93	Exch	10½%	1988	100⅝		10.4	9.7
102	93	Treas	9%	1988	99⅞		9.0	9.3

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

118	98	Treas	12¾%	1992	112⅝		11.3	9.5
109	88	Treas	10%	1992	101⅛		9.9	9.1
117	100	Exch	13%	1992	115⅛		11.3	9.8
103	86	Treas	9%	1992	98⅛		9.2	9.2
121	98	Treas	12%	1992-95	115⅛		10.4	9.3
91	74	Fund	8½%	1992-97	91⅛		9.3	9.3
128	104	Treas	13¼%	1992-96	122⅛		10.8	9.3
114	94	Exch	12%	1992-96	109⅝		10.9	9.3
98	78	Treas	9%	1992-96	93⅛		9.6	9.3
86	76	Treas	8%	1992-96	82⅛		9.7	9.3
78	70	Gas	9%	1990-95	75⅝		11.9	9.3
110	90	Exch	10½%	1995	105⅛		9.9	9.3
126	102	Treas	12%	1995	117⅛		10.2	9.3
133	108	Treas	13%	1995	124⅛		10.4	9.3
114	94	Treas	11%	1995	106⅛		10.3	9.3
130	104	Exch	13%	1995	122⅛		10.6	9.3
86	76	Treas	8%	1996	82⅛		9.7	9.3
131	105	Treas	13%	1997	122⅛		10.6	9.3
101	83	Exch	10½%	1997	95⅝		10.9	9.3
107	89	Treas	9½%	1997	100⅛		9.4	9.3
129	108	Exch	12¾%	1998	120⅝		10.6	9.3
112	91	Treas	9%	1998	104⅝		8.6	9.3
87	71	Treas	7%	1998	81⅝		8.6	9.3
114	99	Conv	10½%	2001	102⅛		10.3	9.3
137	110	Treas	14%	1998-01	127⅛		11.0	9.3

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

117	90	Conv	10%	2002	113⅞		10.6	9.3
124	99	Exch	12¼%	1999-02	115⅛		10.6	9.3
119	89	Treas	10%	2002	111⅛		10.7	9.3
112	91	Treas	10%	2000-03	107⅛		10.7	9.3
119	92	Treas	10½%	2001-04	111⅛		10.7	9.3
103	80	Treas	8%	2001-04	96⅛		10.7	9.3
107	87	Conv	9½%	2004	101⅛		10.7	9.3
108	87	Conv	9½%	2004	101⅛		10.7	9.3
134	106	Exch	13¼%	2003-08	125⅛		10.7	9.3
107	86	Exch	10%	2003-08	100⅛		10.7	9.3
113	91	Treas	11%	2003-07	106⅛		10.7	9.3
107	86	Treas	10%	2003-08	100⅛		10.7	9.3
102	82	Treas	9%	2008	95⅛		10.7	9.3
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114	92	Treas	11%	2003-07	106⅛		10.7	9.3
113	91	Treas	11%	2003-07	106⅛		10.7	9.3
106	85	Treas	10%	2003-07	99⅛		10.7	9.3
107	86	Treas	10%	2003-07	100⅛		10.7	9.3
113	91	Treas	11%	2003-07	106⅛		10.7	9.3
107	86	Treas	10%	2003-07	100⅛		10.7	9.3
102	82	Treas	9%	2008	95⅛		10.7	9.3
114	92	Treas	11%	2003-07	106⅛		10.7	9.3
108	87

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717273 (Dealing)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gth & Fixed	109.8	116.1e	-0.1	10.34
High Inc Equity	114.6	121.8	-0.4	4.27
Worldwide Equity	199.9	212.4e	-0.7	4.03
American Growth	189.2	192.0	-1.0	0.73
Asian Pacific	67.1	71.3	-0.2	1.38
Assets & Items	135.8	144.2	-0.3	1.66
Capital Reserve	58.2	60.7e	..	2.58
Comm & Energy	139.1	139.1e	-0.3	0.00
European Capital	33.9	36.4	-0.4	1.28
General	161.6	171.9	-1.0	2.47
Japan	58.6	62.3	..	0.00
UK Growth Inc	191.8	203.8	+0.4	1.12
Do Accum	199.9	203.8	+0.6	0.73
US Emerging Co's	61.7	65.6	-0.1	0.08
Equities Progress	252.9	268.8	-1.5	2.58
Mastercal Acc	74.8	79.2	-0.2	2.07
American Inc	51.3	54.5e	-0.3	4.82

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 613089 & 0793 22291

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Special Sits	289.4	305.0e	-0.5	2.84
Growth & Income	157.1	166.5	-1.2	3.03
Capital Trust	265.7	281.5	-2.5	2.45
Balanced	427.4	453.0	-4.1	2.53
Accum Trust	653.5	692.7	-4.0	2.21
American Income	131.8	139.7	..	5.49
High Income Tst	280.8	297.2e	-1.5	4.24
Equity Income	164.8	174.7	-0.7	4.28
High Yield	157.2	170.0	-0.7	4.89
Gov't Secs Trust	74.5	79.0	..	7.52
International	191.2	197.9e	-0.5	0.75
Japan Fund	123.2	137.8	+1.1	0.01
Pacific Trust	211.6	225.0	..	0.79
Amer Spcl Sits	72.8	77.5c	-0.4	1.23
Secs Of Amer Tst	229.4	238.5	-1.4	0.49
Alg Asset Value	274.3	290.8	-0.8	2.98
Conv & Gth Trust	39.7	42.0	..	3.62
Smaller Co's	155.7	165.0	-0.1	2.54
2nd Smaller Co's	185.9	207.7e	+1.3	1.53
Recovery Trust	100.7	105.7	+0.7	1.76

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd
BAILLIE GIFFORD
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6065)

Int Ex (22)	474.2	494.3	..	0.64
Japan Ex (43)	452.1	471.4e	..	0.20
UK Ex (51)	285.0	297.1	..	1.28
Pfnl Pens Int	570.6	600.6	..	..
Pfnl Pens UK	223.1	234.9	..	..
BG America	182.7	194.4	-0.5	0.50
BG Energy	173.6	185.9	-0.6	1.57
BG Income Growth	240.5	255.9e	+0.4	4.49
BG Japan	203.5	217.0	+0.7	0.60
BG Technology	189.9	202.1	-1.8	0.00

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6901

American	32.6	35.0e	-0.4	1.65
Australian	24.2	26.5	-0.2	1.58
Japan & General	124.7	132.7	-1.8	0.04
High Income	51.6	55.3	-0.6	5.46
International Trust	58.3	64.0	-0.7	0.88
Income Gth Tst	58.5	62.3e	..	3.22
Gilts & Fixed Int	21.0	22.4	-0.1	9.51
Global Markets	38.0	40.5	-0.4	0.00
Special Situations	54.1	57.6	+0.2	1.69

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	88.4	192.0	..	1.08
Acc Accum	200.5	221.7	..	0.55
Do Income	147.8	155.4	..	0.56
Capital	83.7	88.5e	..	2.51
Exempt Trust	520.1	550.3	..	3.58
Extra Income	88.9	94.0	..	4.78
Financial	255.2	281.5	..	2.68
500	321.0	339.8e	..	2.83
General	168.7	178.4	..	2.74
Gilt & Fixed Inc	9.6	9.4	..	9.71
Japan & Gen Inc	189.0	202.0c	..	0.00
Do Acc	191.2	202.3c	..	0.00
Growth Accum	208.2	218.1c	..	2.19
Income Trust	94.4	99.8	..	5.53
Leisure Trust	95.3	100.8e	..	1.53
Special Situations	176.1	185.2	..	1.77
Recovery	248.8	261.1	..	2.12
Trustee Fund	125.9	134.1	..	2.52
Unv Tech Accum	61.3	64.9	..	0.00
Do Income	58.7	64.2	..	0.00
Worldwide Trust	31.6	33.4	..	1.24
"S" Tst Inv Fund Acc	406.8	430.4	..	2.82
Do Inc	259.6	274.7	..	2.82

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 195, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO
01-658 3002

Australia	84.9	90.8	-0.5	0.30
Eastern	78.9	84.3e	-0.5	0.30
Equity Income	69.1	73.5	+0.1	4.60
Europa	138.8	147.6	-1.4	1.00
Exempt Trust	22.5	24.1	-0.2	..
Growth & Inc	73.5	77.2e	-0.3	3.99
Global Gth	84.8	89.8	-0.4	2.20
Japan Special	110.8	117.4e	-2.1	0.50
Japan Europe	95.0	101.1	-1.3	0.20
First Europe	117.8	125.3	-1.3	0.80
First Japan	88.6	94.3	-1.4	1.10
First N Amer	94.1	97.5	-0.5	1.10
First Smaller Co's	83.3	88.6	+0.2	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	68.2	72.0e	-0.3	0.93
Do Accum	70.0	73.9e	-0.3	0.93
European Inc	101.0	106.7	-0.5	1.23
Do Accum	124.6	131.5	-0.9	1.23
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	25.5	26.9e	+0.2	1.81
Do Accum	32.9	34.7	+0.3	1.81
General Inc	238.1	226.9	-1.5	2.51
Do Accum	271.1	286.0	-1.7	2.51
Gilt Yield Inc	116.2	119.7	+0.1	9.78
Do Accum	191.6	197.4	+0.4	9.78
High Yield Inc	107.8	113.7	+0.9	4.92
Do Accum	218.9	230.9	+1.8	4.92
Int Rec Inc	119.1	125.6	..	1.75
Do Accum	125.8	132.7	..	1.75
Japan Inc	241.5	254.8	-1.9	0.38
Do Accum	243.2	256.6	-1.9	0.38
Japanese Spec Inc	109.8	115.8c	-0.8	0.27
Do Accum	110.1	116.2c	-0.8	0.27
N American Inc	59.4	61.6	-0.1	0.54
Do Accum	67.9	71.8	-0.1	0.54
Pacific Inc	146.8	154.9	-0.1	0.56
Do Accum	165.5	174.6	-0.1	0.56
Planned Investment	153.1	161.8	..	3.62
Smaller Co's Inc	104.5	110.2	+0.5	0.92
Do Accum	124.5	131.4	+0.8	0.62
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	33.0	35.8e	+0.5	0.47
Do Accum	35.2	38.0e	+0.6	0.47
Worldwide Tech Inc	48.0	50.6e	+0.4	0.58
Do Accum	48.3	51.0	+0.4	0.58
KB High Yield Inc	151.6	159.9	+0.1	4.73
Do Accum	258.9	270.9	+1.0	4.73

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	155.0	165.8e	-1.2	2.16
Smaller Co's Acc	307.0	316.5	+0.6	..
Do Income	192.1	203.5	+0.4	0.77
High Income	76.5	85.0e	-0.1	4.95
Income	91.4	97.8	-0.2	4.04
Man Portfolio Inc	83.0	88.7e	-0.7	2.28
Do Acc	140.9	152.7e	-1.5	..
North American	63.6	68.0	-0.5	1.27
Orient	92.0	98.4	-0.5	0.30
Exempt	272.3	291.2	+0.7	2.12
Recovery	45.2	48.0	-0.2	1.12
German	30.4	32.5	-0.3	0.49
Technology	136.3	145.7	-1.3	0.29
Europe	22.5	24.1	-0.2	0.77

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	61.8	65.7e	..	2.29
General Inc (4)	2732	292.4	..	1.57
Do Accum (4)	448.7	470.9	..	1.57
Income Fund (9)	121.8	127.3	..	4.56

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Accum (3)	217.7	227.3	..	4.56
Int Inc (2)	150.8	157.4e	-0.3	0.86
Do Accum (2)	200.0	208.8e	-0.3	0.86
Smaller Inc (5)	78.6	83.0e	..	1.82
Do Accum	84.4	89.2e	..	1.82

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1145

CS Japan Fund	91.3	97.1	-0.8	0.51

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Growth	342.8	362.5	..	2.63
Income	392.1	414.9	..	4.88
Far East	231.7	245.3	..	0.24
North American	171.9	181.9	..	0.50
Global	58.3	59.8e	..	0.76
European	59.2	62.6	..	1.26
Japan	64.0	64.5	..	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bank Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	417.9	444.6	-0.2	1.56
Income	348.5	368.3	+0.6	4.26
North American	354.3	345.0	-0.8	1.07

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	478.75		+29.55	3.95
Fixed Int	149.95		+4.60	9.98
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2Y 5DP
01-606 5622

S & C Special Sits	61.3	64.9	..	0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	443.48		+25.77	4.40
Accum	513.3457		+0.999	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.99

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Growth	28.0	29.7	-0.2	1.58
Equity High Income	58.0	58.0e	-0.3	3.70
European Growth	31.1	33.0	-0.2	2.06
General Equity	46.5	51.4	-0.4	2.10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.5	32.2	-0.1	3.89
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.0	25.3e	..	9.50
Int Inc Tst	25.5	27.0	-0.2	5.90
Japan Growth	36.8	39.0	-0.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	30.1	31.9	-0.2	2.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818

UK & Gen Inc	54.4	58.2	-0.5	3.58
Do Acc	64.3	68.8	-0.6	3.58
Income Inc	54.3	58.1	-0.5	4.35
Do Accum	64.3	68.1	-0.5	4.35
Worldwide Inc	52.1	55.8	-0.4	1.76
Do Accum	52.1	55.8	-0.4	1.76

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
167, Cheapside, London EC2V 6SU
01-726 1999

E uro G rth S tst	77.5	82.2	-0.6	0.65
Extra Income	202.2	214.0	+2.3	4.11
Financial	199.4	211.1e	-1.4	2.64
Pacific Asia Grth	79.7	84.4e	-0.8	1.09
Special Investment	348.7	369.0	-2.2	2.08
Income & Growth	48.5	52.3e	-0.2	3.78
Japanese Growth	225.9	239.1	+5.6	0.02
Nth American Growth	114.1	120.7	-0.6	0.52
Intl Recovery	130.7	138.3	-1.0	1.51
Smaller Co's	272.7	288.6e	+1.2	1.61
Global Inc Tst	83.2	88.0e	-0.1	5.15
Financial Sits Acc	344.6	364.7	-1.9	1.25

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

High Income Trust	296.4	315.3	+0.7	4.73
Growth Trust	274.6	292.3e	-0.3	2.45
American Trust	141.2	150.2	-1.7	0.57

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 43434

UK Income	57.1	60.8e	+0.2	4.72
UK Growth Accum	67.3	71.7e	+0.9	2.41
Do Dist.	66.5	70.8e	+0.8	2.41
European Growth	63.6	67.7	..	1.66
Pacific Growth	62.3	66.3	..	0.61

DFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-229 9468

American Fund	75.8	80.7	-0.3	1.24
Capital Fund	129.0	137.3	+0.3	1.24
Growth & Inc Fund	180.5	170.7e	-1.1	3.66
High Dist Fund	137.9	146.8	-0.1	4.60
International Fund	232.7	247.8	+0.3	0.91
Pacific Fund		25.0	..	1.00
Resources Fund	29.6	30.6	-0.2	0.32
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	32.0	34.0	-0.3	..
Tokyo Fund	168.1	207.3	+4.0	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	152.9	157.1	-0.7	1.52
(Ex) Japan (3)	111.7	114.7	..	0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	342.6	352.7e	..	0.26
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	182.2	193.3	..	0.00
Stamford	27.3	29.5	-0.2	1.69

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	86.3	91.6	-0.2	2.58
Do Accum	87.3	94.0	-0.2	2.52
UK Growth Accum	112.9	119.8	+0.2	1.71
UK High Inc Inc	82.9	88.0	-0.1	3.97
N American Accum	77.4	82.6	-0.9	0.65
Far Eastern Accum	139.2	148.4	..	0.79
European Accum	91.2	97.3	-0.3	1.18
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	66.0	69.4	-0.1	8.39
UK Gilt & Fi Acc	58.6	62.2	..	7.88

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 26, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-68886

Endurance	126.5	134.6	..	2.85

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5865

Equitable Pension	91.8	97.7	-0.3	2.91
High Income Trust	89.2	94.9	+0.5	4.74
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.3	55.7	-0.1	9.23
Tst Of Inv Trusts	83.3	88.7e	+0.1	7.63
Special Sits Trust	94.8	100.9	+0.3	2.63
Nth Amer Trust	85.3	89.5	-0.7	1.52
Far Eastern Trust	105.5	112.4	+0.2	0.41
Intl Growth	58.4	63.2e	-0.4	1.02

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1BD
0203 553231

UK Growth Accum	178.3	189.8	-1.2	2.69
Do Income	132.8	182.5	-0.9	2.89
Higher Inc Accum	134.5	142.8	-1.3	3.76
Do Income	239.7	255.0	-1.5	3.75
Gilts/Fixed Accum	183.1	108.7e	-0.2	8.53
Do Income	83.2	87.5e	-0.2	8.53
Nth Amer Tst Accum	171.3	182.0	-1.8	0.09
Far East Tst Accum	181.8	193.3	+0.2	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	164.9	174.4	-0.8	0.60
General Trust	282.6	308.6e	-2.5	2.80

F&C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	79.2	84.3	-0.9	0.19
Capital Fund	128.4	136.5	-0.1	0.19
UK Income Fund	58.1	61.8	+0.2	4.21
Far Eastern Fund	77.6	82.5	..	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Overseas Income	72.9	69.2	-0.4	3.55
Fixed Interest	59.7	63.5	+0.1	10.53
General Fixed Fund	57.9	61.7	-0.4	2.80
European Income	94.7	100.8e	-1.1	2.80
Financials Fund	94.3	97.8	+0.1	2.95

FB INVESTMENT MANAGERS
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Balanced Gth Inc	58.0	61.7	-0.1	1.46
Do Accum	59.2	63.0	-0.1	..
Income Gth Inc	50.1	53.3	..	5.30
Do Accum	52.7	57.1	-0.1	..
Service Co's Inc	65.0	69.2	-0.2	1.00
Do Accum	66.1	70.3	-0.2	..
Higher Inc	27.5	29.3	+0.1	7.00
Do Acc	27.5	29.3	+0.1	..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5BP
0737 832444

American	118.5	126.1	-1.9	0.81
Amer Equity Income	35.3	37.5	-0.5	4.51
Amer Special Sits	57.1	60.8	-0.8	0.68
Australian	57.8	40.1	+0.1	2.93
European	51.3	54.5	-0.3	..
Far East Inc	38.2	40.6	-0.5	3.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.7		+0.2	10.24
Growth & Income	115.7	123.1	+1.1	3.91
Japan Special Sits	47.8	50.8e	..	..
Japan	183.3	183.9	+0.4	..
Managed Int	154.6	164.5e	-1.5	0.28
Max Income Equity	99.3	105.7e	+0.6	4.32
Professional Gth	42.3	45.0	+0.3	0.01
South East Asia	48.5	51.7	+0.3	2.01
Special Sits	218.9	232.2	+1.7	0.10

FLEMING (ROBERT)
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 5AN
01-638 5858

American Exempt	396.4	402.2	-1.69	1.11
Japan Exempt	648.5	688.1	+13.80	0.76
Am Property Tst	510.0c		..	5.80
Property Trust	222.5		..	..

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	228.5	241.7	-1.6	..
Do Accum	233.4	246.7	-1.7	..
Amer Turnaround Inc	227.6	240.5	-0.9	1.16
Do Accum	227.6	240.5	-0.9	1.16
Capital Tst Inc	272.5	272.7	+0.8	1.63
Do Accum	314.0	332.2	+1.0	1.63
Conv & Gth Inc	192.3	195.5	-0.4	4.77
Do Accum	196.2	144.1	-0.2	4.77
European Inc	67.8	71.7	-0.4	0.62
Do Accum	67.8	71.7	-0.4	0.62
Extra Inc Tst Inc	211.7	224.0	+0.5	3.76
Do Accum	221.6	234.4e	+0.5	3.76
Financial Inc	54.1	57.2	-0.1	0.00
Do Accum	194.9	207.3	+3.8	4.55
Income Trust	148.4	157.0	+0.6	4.55
Do Accum	158.8	168.0	+0.1	3.97
Int Growth Fd Inc	176.6	188.9	-0.9	..
Do Accum	188.3	199.2	-1.0	0.07
Japan & Gen Inc	182.2	192.8	-1.9	0.00
Do Accum	191.2	197.0e	-0.9	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	104.5	110.5e	+0.4	4.06
Recovery	119.7	125.7e	-0.3	2.80
Do Accum	201.1	212.9e	+1.3	1.22

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
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FP Equity Dist	237.7	252.3	-1.1	2.82
Do Accum	305.0	325.1	-1.4	2.82
FP Fixed Int Dist	114.9	122.2	+0.1	5.88
Do Accum	135.7	144.3	+0.1	5.88
Stewardship Dist	207.5	220.2	+1.0	1.42
Do Accum	207.5	220.2	+1.0	1.42
FP North American	132.6	140.5e	-1.1	1.29
FP Pacific Basin	169.4	200.6e	+0.5	0.25

GT UNIT MANAGERS
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01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Special Sits	75.5	80.4	-0.8	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	126.9	135.0e	+0.2	2.50
Do Accum	155.9	165.9e	+0.2	2.50
Income Fund	91.7	97.6e	-0.2	5.90
Pension Exempt	217.0	225.1e	-0.6	1.40
International	193.5	198.5e	-1.5	0.40
US & General	58.3	62.1	-0.7	0.70
Tech & Growth	73.5	80.4	-0.4	0.50
Japan & General	258.3	274.8	-0.4	0.10
Far East & Gen	141.6	151.8	-0.4	0.15
European Fund	258.6	265.8e	-0.4	1.60
Germany Fund	84.4	88.8	-0.4	1.80
Intl Inc Fund	54.2	57.7	-0.1	4.30

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
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01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5768 Dealing 01-623 5806

American Trust	93.4	98.9	-0.5	0.70
Australian Trust	30.2	32.0	+0.2	0.62
Britain Tst Accum	77.1	82.4e	+0.1	3.57
Do Dist	67.9	70.9e	+0.1	1.57
Commodity Share	78.4	82.9	..	1.50
European Trust	93.5	98.6e	-0.2	0.73
Extra Income Trust	58.2	62.1	-0.4	4.60
Far Eastern Trust	164.9	164.0	-0.4	0.21
Fixed Interest Fnd	26.5	28.1	..	9.22
Frontier Mkts	23.8	25.0	..	0.75
Ind Fixed Int Tst	49.6	51.9	-0.2	10.00
Global Fund Accum	199.7	211.4	-0.3	0.41
Do Dist	188.7	200.8	-0.3	0.41
Gold Share Trust	19.6	19.8	..	1.04
Hedged America	34.7	36.9	-0.1	0.00
Hedged Europe Trust	156.2	173.5e	+0.4	5.09
Hong Kong Trust	41.9	44.4e	+0.1	1.20
Income Fund	93.6	99.1e	-0.5	2.56
Japan Trust	139.5	144.2	-1.7	0.00
Managed Exempt	300.1	315.8	-0.5	2.23
Oil & Energy Trust	37.2	39.3e	-0.5	2.70
Special Sits Trust	127.9	135.4	-1.0	0.63
UK Smlr Co's Fac Tst	181.2	191.7	+0.1	0.00
Cheltenham UK	26.2	27.5	-0.1	2.00

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1BA
01-588 5820

Intl Growth	98.1	104.4	..	1.06
American Growth	72.1	76.7	..	0.91
American Inc	73.4	78.0e	..	4.26
European Growth	234.8	251.1	..	0.23
Gold & Mineral	57.9	61.5	..	0.56
Japan Growth	152.5	163.1	..	..

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
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Gth & Fixed Int	117.4	122.6e	-3.1	5.18
Growth Equity	245.8	260.2	-2.5	1.73
High Income Trust	139.2	144.9	+0.5	4.74
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.3	55.7	-0.1	9.23
Tst Of Inv Trusts	83.3	88.7e	+0.1	7.63
Special Sits Trust	94.8	100.9	+0.3	2.63
Nth Amer Trust	85.3	89.5	-0.7	1.52
Far Eastern Trust	105.5	112.4	+0.2	0.41
Intl Growth	58.4	63.2e	-0.4	1.02

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
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High Income	62.7	67.3	+0.1	5.32
N Amer Trust	120.6	128.4	-2.9	0.70
Recovery	273.1	289.8	+1.4	4.97
Gth Trust	38.2	40.3e	+0.4	4.97
St Vincent Inc	98.7	99.7e	+0.6	4.69
St Vincent US Gth	78.9	82.2e	-1.5	0.72
Temple Bar Sm Co's	220.2	238.6	+17.11	2.68
Euro Gth Tst	50.6	53.7e	..	0.69

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
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Hambros Smlr Co's	161.5	171.3e	+0.8	1.51
Hambros N Amer	71.5	76.0	-0.5	0.85
Hambros Jap & F E	137.9	146.3	-0.6	0.41
Hambros Eurodyn	91.0	96.5	+0.2	4.21
Hambros European	105.8	112.3	-1.0	0.82

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Canadian	84.9	89.2	+0.4	1.11
Hambros Equity Inc	109.1	115.4	..	4.91
Hambros High Inc	72.3	76.7c	+0.1	4.56
Hambros Res Assts	70.7	75.0e	..	1.69
Hambros Intl Sits	81.1	84.8	-0.1	0.77

HENDERSON
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Amer Recovery Tst	116.1	123.5	..	0.18
Amer Smaller Co's	58.1	59.7	-0.1	0.01
Australian	31.4	37.3	+0.7	1.55
Capital Growth Inc	71.7	76.3	-0.4	1.48
Do Accum	83.3	88.6	-0.5	1.42
European	378.1	399.5	-1.0	0.58
Euro Inc Tst	49.6	51.9	-0.1	4.38
Euro Smaller Co's	118.2	122.4	..	0.00
Extra Income	210.0	223.0e	+0.1	5.59
Financial Trust	183.5	195.2	+0.4	2.42
Fixed Interest Tst	53.1	56.5e	+0.1	9.73
Gilt Trust	42.7	45.3e	..	9.32
Global Recovery	87.0	92.6	+0.1	0.01
Global Inc./Gth	85.5	89.7	-0.5	4.48
Global Resources	101.2	107.7e	..	1.61
Global Tech	121.5	129.4	-1.2	0.64
Gold	71.3	75.9e	+0.1	2.04
High Income Tst	228.7	243.5e	+0.8	3.66
Hong Kong	74.4	79.1	+0.4	0.53
Income & Growth Tst	176.9	188.3	..	2.95
Do Accum	364.7	377.3	-0.1	2.95
Income Assets	151.1	133.6e	-0.7	3.58

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

New route to business premises in London

The search for business premises in and around London can be long, painful and frustrating. To look at all the new buildings going up and at premises with sale or let signs, that might appear surprising but it remains difficult to find the right place at the right price.

For 15 years the Greater London Council, before its demise, ran a property register, which continues as the London Property Register and still operates from County Hall with a list of more than 3,000 properties.

Some of the key staff of the Register, concerned about its future after the abolition of the GLC, joined together last year with an outside consultancy to form a new company.

It is headed by Mr Bernard Brook-Partridge, the chairman, hand, former GLC chairman, and President of the Insitute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. The strategy director is Mr Brian Daubney, who surveyed demand for a comprehensive list of industrial and commercial property and, in his trawl through government offices and businesses he was told that a fast, quickly updated, computerized system could be a national asset.

The result is the Central Property Index, based in a GLC building in Wapping, East London,which has a database of some 20,000 properties from 161 estate agents.

Mr Daubney says the company is concentrating on the Greater London area and out to the M25, and have a target of 247 agents (from a total of 794 in the area). The agents on their books already account for more than 60 per cent of the market. Already the company has had inquiries from overseas.

With a small staff they feel able to deal with 200 inquiries a day, their realistic estimate, and have capacity for many more, using an IBM system. They charge a nominal £2 for estate agents to enter the listing and make sure that the index is updated every few days. Their main income will come from selling the information to inquiring clients who then go to the appropriate agents.

The Index is intended to help speed industrial and commercial growth throughout the United Kingdom, and the company hopes in the future to endow a body provisionally called a Centre for Land and Property Studies and to establish a business advisory service.

City office space 'up 25%'

A substantial increase in City office development is forecast in the latest city development survey published by Baker Harris Saunders, the property specialists.

The twice yearly survey shows that planned development as at January 1987 is 20.5 million square feet, a net increase of more than four million square feet, or 25 per cent, since July 1986 and an increase of 42 per cent in the year to January.

The firm comments that this increase demonstrates confidence among developers, based on the strength of the market during recent years, and optimism for the future.

Despite the large increase in overall supply, only three million square feet of speculative space is under construction, the remainder (2.8 million square feet) being prelet.

Total lettings in the City in 1986 were seven million square feet — 1.5 million square feet more than in 1985. It includes 2.8 million square feet of second hand space, 1.3 million square feet of newly completed and 2.7 million square feet of prelet space due for completion in 1987 and 1988.

Christopher Warman

Crystalate appoints MP to board

Crystalate: Mr Patrick Jenkin MP, has joined the board as a non executive director.

ICC: Dr Theophilo de Azeredo Santos has been elected president.

The Montreal Exchange: Mr Bruno Riverin has been appointed president and chief executive.

Scantronic: Mr Peter Blenkinsop will join as group managing director from the beginning of April.

Dairy Crest Foods: Mr David Lewis becomes finance director and joins the main board from April 1.

Meggitt: Mr Norman Ireland has been appointed a non-executive director.

Anglo American Corp: Mr Peter Leyden and Mr Michael O'Dowd are made directors.

Institute of Directors: Mr Gordon Leak becomes a director, public relations.



Mr Patrick Jenkin

Prudential Property Services: Mr Joe Bradley is to become managing director.

Scottish Development Agency (SDA): Mr Iain Robertson is appointed chief executive.

Newman Tonks: Mr Cecil Buckett becomes director of finance, effective from April.

Bellwinch: Mr Paul Clarke has been made finance director.

Saga Holidays: Mr Anthony Max becomes managing director, Saga Holidays UK Tour Operations and joins the board of Saga Holidays.

Dowty Group: Mr R Jennings has been appointed executive director, Management Development.

Briggs Amasco: Mr Ian McPherson has been made chief executive.

Sandhurst Group: Mr Anthony Habgood becomes chairman, Mr Brian Hulme becomes president, Mr Peter Hulme joins the board as executive director.



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CU ASSURANCE

UNAUDITED TWELVE MONTHS' REVIEW

ASSURANCE

Profit before tax £119m

★ Final dividend raised to 7.8p, an increase for the year of 10%.
★ Shareholders' funds reach £1.4 billion.
★ Increased profits and good growth in United Kingdom.
★ Significant improvement in United States underwriting.
★ Life operations achieve strong growth.
★ Continued progress in other territories.

MAIN FEATURES OF RESULTS	1986 £m	1985 £m
Total premium income	2,765.9	2,306.0
Life profits	88.2	80.3
Non-life operating result	30.9	(139.1)
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	119.1	(58.8)
Taxation and minorities	(36.4)	(31.6)
Realised investment gains	77.2	59.9
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	159.9	(30.5)
Shareholders' funds	1,428	1,161
Earnings per share	38.77p	(7.40)p
Dividend per ordinary share	13.00p	11.80p

	£m	£m
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	97.5	71.5
United Kingdom	(23.0)	(178.6)
United States	50.1	36.8
Netherlands	6.2	5.6
Canada	29.1	30.1
Rest of the World	(22.3)	(15.5)
Interest on central borrowings – external	(18.5)	(10.7)
– intra-group	119.1	(58.8)

The Board is proposing to offer shareholders the choice of receiving fully paid ordinary shares, rather than cash, in respect of all or part of the final dividend of 7.80p per share, which is due to be paid on 15 May 1987. The total cost of dividends, including preference dividends, for 1986 amounts to £53.7m (1985 £48.7m).

This announcement does not constitute full group accounts for the year. Copies of the full group accounts, which have not yet been reported upon by the Auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 2 April 1987 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 28 April 1987.

CU ASSURANCE Commercial Union Assurance Company plc

European Law Report — Strasbourg

Parole recall secrecy breaches rights

Weeks v United Kingdom

Before: R. Ryssdal, President and Judges J. Cremona, Thor Vilhjalmsson, D. Bindschedler-Robert, G. Lagergren, F. Gölcüklü, F. Matscher, J. Pinheiro Farinha, L-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Macdonald, C. Russo, R. Bernhardt, J. Gersing, A. Spielmann and Mr J. De Meyer

Registrar: M-A. Eissen

(Case No 7/1985/93/139)

[Judgment March 2]

When a recalled prisoner was not entitled to full disclosure of adverse material in the possession of a Parole Board, the procedure followed by the board lacked one of the principal guarantees of a judicial procedure guaranteed by article 5(4) of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Likewise, the scope of control afforded by judicial review before the High Court was not wide enough to bear on the condition essential for the "lawfulness" of detention, that is, whether it was consistent with and justified by the objectives of an indeterminate sentence passed on a person. That remedy of judicial review neither itself provided the proceedings required by article 5(4) nor served to remedy the inadequacy of the procedure before the Parole Board.

Article 5(4) of the Convention provides: "Everyone who is deprived of his liberty by arrest or detention shall be entitled to take proceedings by which the lawfulness of his detention shall be decided speedily by a court and his release ordered if the detention is not lawful."

Mr Weeks, a prisoner serving a life sentence imposed in 1966 when he was aged 17, was released on licence in 1976 but subsequently recalled to prison by the Home Secretary. He claimed that his re-detention was not in accordance with article 5(1)(a), which provided for the lawful detention of a person after conviction by a competent court.

He also contended that, contrary to article 5(4), he was unable to challenge the lawfulness of his re-detention before a court at the time of his recall or to have periodic judicial review of his detention at reasonable intervals throughout his imprisonment.

In its report adopted on December 7, 1984 the European Commission of Human Rights expressed the opinion that there had been no breach of article 5(1) (10 votes to one), but that article 5(4) had been violated (seven votes to four).

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held as follows:

A Alleged breach of article 5(1)

The applicant contended that his detention subsequent to the revocation of his licence in June 1977 was not in accordance with article (5)1 which, in so far as relevant, reads: "Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person. No one shall be deprived of his liberty save in the following cases and in accordance with a procedure prescribed by law: (a) the lawful detention of a person after conviction by a competent court."

It was true that in terms of English law, except in the event of a free pardon or an exercise of the Royal Prerogative commuting the sentence, a person sentenced to life imprisonment never regained his right to liberty, even when released on licence.

This was not to say, however, that Mr Weeks lost his "right to liberty and security of person", as guaranteed by article 5, as from the moment he was sentenced to life imprisonment in December 1966.

Article 5 applied to "never one". All persons, whether at liberty or in detention, were entitled to its protection. That is to say, not to be deprived, or to continue to be deprived, of their liberty save in accordance with the conditions specified in paragraph 1 and, when arrested or detained, to reborn the benefit of the various safeguards provided by paragraphs 2 to 5 so far as applicable.

Whether Mr Weeks regained his "liberty", for the purposes of article 5, when released on licence in March 1976 was a question of fact, depending upon the actual circumstances of the regime to which he was subject.

He was lawfully "at large", to use the terms of section 62(9) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 when outside prison on licence. Admittedly, for persons sentenced to life imprisonment, any release under the 1967 Act was granted as an act of clemency and was always conditional.

The freedom enjoyed by a life prisoner, such as Mr Weeks, released on licence was thus more circumscribed in law and more precarious than the freedom enjoyed by the ordinary citizen.

Nevertheless, the restrictions to which Mr Weeks' freedom outside prison was subject under the law were not sufficient to prevent his being qualified as a state of "liberty" for the purposes of article 5.

Hence, when recalling Mr Weeks to prison in 1977, the Home Secretary was ordering his removal from an actual state of liberty, when one enjoyed in law as a privilege and not as of right, to a state of custody.

The principal issue was therefore whether Mr Weeks' loss of liberty on recall to prison constituted "the lawful detention of a person after conviction by a competent court", within article 5(1)(a).

As established in the court's case law, the word "after" in sub-paragraph (a) implied not only a chronological connection but also a sufficient causal link between the "detention" in question and the "conviction".

The court considered that the clearly stated purpose for which Mr Weeks' life sentence had been imposed, taken together with the particular facts pertaining to the offence for which he was convicted, placed the sentence in a special category.

According to the trial judge and the Court of Appeal, the life sentence was intended to serve as an indeterminate sentence, that is to say, a measure that would allow the Home Secretary to monitor the applicant's progress and to release him back into the community when he was no longer judged to be a danger to society or to himself.

The reasons for ordering that form of deprivation of liberty against Mr Weeks were by their very nature susceptible of change with the passage of time. In that, his sentence differed from a life sentence passed because of the gravity of the offence.

The court inferred that the requisite causal link would be broken in Mr Weeks' case if a decision under the Criminal Justice Act 1967 not to release or to re-detain was based on grounds that were inconsistent with the objectives of the sentencing court.

The court did not accept the applicant's contention that those objectives had been satisfied once and for all on his first release on licence in 1976.

As to the justification of the re-detention in June 1977 and thereafter, it had to be borne in mind that the national authorities were to be recognized as having a certain discretion since they were better placed that the international judge to evaluate the evidence in a given case.

On the facts, in view of the applicant's unstable, disturbed and aggressive behaviour, there were grounds for the Home Secretary to have considered as from June 1977 that his continued liberty would constitute a danger to the public and to himself.

There had accordingly been no breach of article 5(1).

B Alleged breach of article 5(4)

Mr Weeks did not dispute that in so far as he might have wished to challenge the lawfulness of his recall or detention in terms of English law he at all times had available to him a remedy before the ordinary courts in the form of an application for judicial review.

However, for the purpose of article 5(4), the "lawfulness" of an "arrest or detention" had to be determined in the light not only of domestic law but also of the text of the Convention, the general principles embodied therein and the aim of the article 5(1) restriction.

The court had already held in the context of article 5(1)(a) that the stated purpose of social protection and rehabilitation for which the indeterminate sentence was passed on Mr Weeks, taken together with the particular circumstances of the offence for which he was convicted, placed the sentence in a special category: unlike the case of a person sentenced to life imprisonment because of the gravity of the offence committed, the grounds relied on by the sentencing judges for deciding that the length of the deprivation of Mr Weeks' liberty should be subject to the discretion of the executive for the rest of his life were by their nature susceptible of change with the passage of time.

It followed that, by virtue of article 5(4), Mr Weeks was entitled to apply to a "court" having jurisdiction to decide "speedily" whether or not his deprivation of liberty had become "unlawful" in this sense: that entitlement should have been exercisable by him at the moment of any return to custody after being at liberty and also at reasonable intervals during the course of his imprisonment.

The "court" did not necessarily have to be a court of law of the classic kind integrated within the standard judicial machinery of the country.

The term "court" served to denote "bodies which exhibit not only common fundamental features, of which the most important is independence of the executive and of the parties to the case . . . but also the guarantees" — "appropriate to the kind of deprivation of liberty in question" — "of [a] judicial procedure", the forms of which might vary from one domain to another (see the court's judgment in *De Wilde, Ooms and Versyp* 1971).

In addition, as the text of article 5(4) made clear, the body in question should not have merely advisory functions but should have the competence to decide the lawfulness of the detention and to order release if *the detention was unlawful.*

1 Parole Board

The court saw no reason to conclude that the Parole Board and its members were not independent and impartial.

Under the Criminal Justice Act 1967, the board's functions were without doubt purely advisory, both in law and in substance, as regarded the periodic review that it carried out in relation to the question of the possible release on licence of a detained person serving a sentence of life imprisonment.

While procedural safeguards before the board were not negligible, there remained a certain procedural weakness in the case of a recalled prisoner.

Thus, the Court of Appeal established in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Gunnell (The Times* November 7, 1984) that the duty on the board to act fairly, as required under English law by the principles of natural justice, did not entail an entitlement to full disclosure of the adverse material which the board had in its possession.

The procedure followed did not therefore allow proper participation of the individual adversely affected by the contested decision, that being one of the principal guarantees of a judicial procedure for the purposes of the Convention, and could not therefore be regarded as judicial in character.

Consequently, neither in relation to consideration of Mr Weeks' recall to prison in 1977 nor in relation to periodic examination of his detention with a view to release on licence could the Parole Board be regarded as satisfying the requirements of article 5(4).

2 Judicial review

An application for judicial review undoubtedly represented a useful supplement to the procedure before the Parole Board: it enabled the individual concerned to obtain a control by the ordinary courts of the board's decisions.

The grounds on which judicial review lay, as summarised by Lord Diplock in *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374, 410-411), were "illegality", "irrationality" and "procedural impropriety".

By "illegality" was meant incorrect application of the law governing the decision-making power and, in particular, breach of the relevant statutory requirements; "irrationality" covered a decision that was so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question to be decided could have arrived at it; and "procedural impropriety" was a failure to observe expressly laid down procedural rules, a denial of natural justice or a lack of procedural fairness.

However, as the Commission pointed out in its report, the scope of the control afforded was thus not wide enough to bear on the conditions essential for the "lawfulness", in the sense of article 5(4), of Mr Weeks' detention, that is to say, whether it was consistent with and therefore justified by the objectives of the indeterminate sentence imposed on him.

In the court's view, having regard to the nature of the control it allowed, the remedy of judicial review could neither itself provide the proceedings required by article 5(4) nor serve to remedy the inadequacy, for the purposes of that provision, of the procedure before the parole board.

In conclusion, there had been a violation of article 5(4).

C Application of article 50

By way of just satisfaction under article 50, the applicant had claimed financial compensation for alleged prejudice suffered and also reimbursement of legal costs incurred. The court found that the question of just satisfaction was not yet ready for decision, and it therefore reserved the matter.

For those reasons the court held:

1 By 16 votes to one, Judge De Meyer dissenting, that there had been no breach of article 5(1).

2 By 13 votes to four, Judges Thor Vilhjalmsson, Lagergren, Sir Vincent Evans and Gersing dissenting, that there had been a breach of article 5(4).

3 Unanimously, that the question of the application of article 50 was not ready for decision.

Law Report March 5 1987

Judge misled jury on intent in murder

Frankland and Moore v The Queen

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Judgment March 5]

In the first appeals against convictions for murder to come before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council from the Staff of Government Division (Criminal Jurisdiction) of the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man it was held that the trial judge had misdirected the jury.

The judge had told them that they were not concerned with what the accused himself contemplated as the probable result of his unlawful act but were to apply the objective test of what an ordinary reasonable man would in all the circumstances contemplate as the natural and probable result. However, that objective test of intent in murder laid down by the House of Lords in *DPP v Smith* ([1961] AC 290) was not part of the common law of England and therefore was not part of Manx law until the objective test was abolished by section 6 of the Isle of Man Evidence Act 1983, incorporating section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

Their Lordships allowed the appeal of Graham Ralph Frankland from the judgment of the Staff of Government Division (Criminal Jurisdiction) on July 1, 1986, dismissing his appeal against his conviction for murder by the Court of General Gaol Delivery (Deemster Luft and a jury) on April 17, 1985, but dismissed the appeal of Stephen Philip Moore from the judgment of the Staff of Government Division on February 18, 1983, dismissing his appeal against his conviction for murder by the Court of General Gaol Delivery (Deemster Corrin and a jury) on December 1, 1982. The appellants had each been sentenced to death but that had been commuted to life imprisonment.

Mr George Carman, QC and Mr Mario Aduzzie for the appellants. Mr Stuart McKinnon, QC, Mr Mark Strachan and Mr William Cain, Attorney-General of the Isle of Man, for the Crown.

LORD ACKNER said murder, a rare offence in the Isle of Man, was a statutory offence defined by section 18 of the Criminal Code Act 1872. That definition had been given the same meaning in Manx law as the common law offence of murder in English law.

There was no difference in substance between the summing up of the two trial judges. Deemster Corrin said: "In order to return a verdict of guilty of murder the prosecution has to prove malice aforethought . . . malice aforethought exists when any one of three attitudes of mind is present . . . The third attitude of mind is . . . constituted if there was an intention on the part of the defendant to do something unlawful . . . knowing the circumstances which, whether he the defendant realised it or not, rendered the act likely to cause death or really serious injury . . .

"Provided in law he was responsible for his actions . . . the question is whether the unlawful act of the defendant was of such a type that really serious bodily injury or death was the actual and probable result and the test for that is not what the defendant himself contemplated, but what the ordinary reasonable man or woman would in all the circumstances of the case have contemplated as the natural and probable result."

In *DPP v Smith* the Court of Criminal Appeal quashed the defendant's conviction for murder but the House of Lords allowed the Crown's appeal.

Mr McKinnon in these appeals proceeded on the generally accepted view that the House of Lords reversed the Court of Criminal Appeal because that court had held that the test was a subjective one and not an objective one. Indeed the strength of the criticism of the decision resulted in Parliament imposing the subjective test, that is to foresight of the consequences and as to intention, by enacting section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

In *R v Hyam* ([1975] AC 55, 70-71) Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, having referred to the many criticisms of *DPP v Smith*, rejected the suggestion that their Lordships' House should make use of the *Practice Statement (Judicial Precedent)* ([1966] 1 WLR 1234) and depart from that decision. He considered that it was far better to recognize that Parliament in 1967 had appropriately dealt with the main criticism. However, Lord Diplock, at p94, took up the point and said *DPP v Smith* had wrongly stated the common law.

Two recent decisions of the House of Lords were of particular relevance, although the observations were *obiter*: *In R v Moloney* ([1985] AC 905, 921 and 928) Lord Bridge of Harwich, in giving the sole speech with which all their Lordships agreed, referred to *DPP v Smith* and made observations consistent with and supporting the criticisms made by Lord Diplock in *R v Hyam*.

Lord Scarman, in giving the single speech in *R v Hancock* ([1986] AC 455, 473), referred to Lord Bridge's comment on *Smith* accepting and paraphrasing it: "Parliament intervened by section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 to return the law to the path from which it had been diverted, leaving the presumption as no more than an inference open to the jury to draw if in all the circumstances it appears to them proper to draw it."

Was the "objective test" part of the Manx law until May 1983, when section 6 of the Evidence Act 1983 incorporated into the law of the Isle of Man section 8 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967?

Decisions of English courts, particularly decisions of the House of Lords and the Court of Appeal, were not binding on Manx courts, but they were of high persuasive authority.

Such decisions should generally be followed unless there was some provision to the contrary in a Manx statute or there was some decision of a Manx court to the contrary, or, exceptionally, there was some local condition which would give good reason for not following the particular English decision.

The persuasive effect of a judgment of the House of Lords, which had largely the same composition as the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the final Court of Appeal from a Manx court, was bound to be very high.

Sir Iain Glidewell, in giving the judgment of the Staff of Government Division (Criminal Jurisdiction) in Frankland's case, correctly took the view that there was nothing in local conditions or local statutes that should lead the court to the view that the objective test as laid down in *DPP v Smith* was not the common law of England and *therefore the law of the Isle of* Man until Tynwald enacted the contrary in 1983.

His attention was not drawn, however, to Lord Diplock's clear view expressed in *R v Hyam* that the decision was erroneous and how that error came to be made. Moreover Sir Iain Glidewell did not have the benefit of the observations made by Lord Bridge in *R v Moloney* and Lord Scarman in *R v Hancock*.

Their Lordships, having had the benefit of extended argument, and in the light of the recent cases, had concluded that the decision in *DPP v Smith*, in so far as it laid down an objective test of the intent in the crime of murder, did not accurately represent the English common law. It therefore followed that the trial judges in both trials were in error in directing the jury that they were entitled to ascertain the intent of the accused by reference to an objective test.

In Frankland's case their Lordships recommended that the appeal should be allowed, the murder conviction quashed and a verdict of guilty of manslaughter substituted. The appeal was remitted to the Staff of Government Division (Criminal Jurisdiction) for consideration of the appropriate sentence.

In Moore's case their Lordships applied the proviso in section 8 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1969 and recommended that his appeal should be dismissed.

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ATHLETICS

Coe will be ready to take on US

Sebastian Coe will make his first indoor appearance of the year later this month, spearheading England's challenge against a formidable United States team in the annual Kodak Classic fixture at Cosford on March 13.

And the double Olympic champion faces the sternest possible season-opener in the 3,000 metres against two leading Americans, Brian Abshire and Brian Diemer. Coe won the corresponding race last year in sparkling fashion, recording a personal best of 7min 54.32sec. He may well have to be in similar form to beat Abshire, the world's third-fastest man at 3,000 metres this year, and Diemer, the Olympic steeplechase bronze medallist.

The only other definite England starter is Paul Harmsworth, who won a bronze medal in the European indoor championships in the 400 metres at Liévin, France. The rest of England's team is likely to be announced later this week.

The Americans have already named an excellent squad, who hope to repeat their victory of last year and win for the fourth time in the six-year history of the fixture. Thomas Jefferson, the Olympic 200 metres bronze medallist, and Mark Witherspoon, who last weekend beat Carl Lewis for the second time this year, combine in the 60 metres.

James Butler, the United States indoor record holder, goes in the 200 metres, and Clarence Daniel takes on Harmsworth. Jim Spivey, fifth in the 1,500 metres at the Los Angeles Olympics, runs in the mile, while the 60-metres hurdler, Tonie Campbell, hopes for a happier return to the track where he fell during the national indoor championships.

UNITED STATES TEAM: 60 metres: T Jefferson, M Witherspoon; 200m: J Butler, A Robinson; 400m: C Daniel, K Lowery; 800m: R Moore, M Elliott; 1,000m: J Murphy, plus runner to be named; Mile: J Spivey, J McKeon; 3,000m: B Abshire, B Diemer; 60m hurdles: T Campbell, C Clark; High Jump: J Jacoby, D Wills; Pole Vault: K Tarpenning, plus runner to be named; Long Jump: D Coney, R Boutwara; Triple Jump: L Streeter, R Dupree; Shot: S Lofquist, S Erickson; 4 x 400m: Daniel, Lowery, W McCoy, C Jenkins.

Walsall chairman sees west London super club

The crunch, crackle and pop world of Terry Ramsden

SUE MOTT on the man who has been called a hooligan in West London, a saviour in the West Midlands and just plain smart in the City

The man accused of everything from financial hooliganism to wanton asset-stripping in the Fulham fiasco, looked the head waiter at the London Hilton right in the eye. "Rice Krispies," he said.

It did not quite fit the image somehow. Terry Ramsden, international financier, chairman of Walsall, stripper of assets, racehorse owner, Ferrari driver, film producer and Tottenham Hotspur fan, preferring Krispies to caviar for his five-star business breakfast. The Japanese call him Ramchan; Britishers may be more inclined to call him Tel-Boy, in true Arfer Daley style.

If there is a touch of the designer unsophisticate about our Tel, from Enfield, it indisputably works. He may rattle with chunky wrist chains, wear Micky Mouse T-shirts to work and keep his dark hair unfashionably long, but from early days of paper rounds and car washing, the Londoner, aged 35, is now surrounded by millions and minders. He could buy a football club with half the sum of aday's betting slips. In fact, he did: Walsall FC for £400,000.

Company worth at least £100 million

The company he bought in 1984, Glen International (not named in honour of Hoddle, apparently), is now worth between £100 and 150 million, according to its owner. "It's like saying how much is Terry Ramsden's brain worth," he said. "There isn't a limit to it."

But he has reached the limit of his patience in the ill-fated Fulham affair. He has been called the 'Mr Big' in the property deal that could convert Craven Cottage into a riverside barracks for the fabulously rich. But he points out he is only a major shareholder in Marler Estates, not an executive. "It's nothing to do with me," he said.

But certainly, Ramsden's role at Fulham has seemed at odds with his saviour status in Walsall where he descended in a helicopter to whisk away their overdraft and propel them to the fifth round of the FA Cup. He is not the least confused by the distinctions. Walsall was to right a wrong and preserve a community, according to him. Fulham is a smart bit of business.

"It's the shape of things to come," he said. "In a cartel, unless the clubs merge they cannot compete. Fulham can't compete, neither can Chelsea. But if they all get together it could be one hell of a club."

The announcement, couched in cockney twang, is eminently persuasive. As indeed it should be after his career. At 23, he noticed he was the top producer in a London stockbroking company but earning a "miserable £10,000 a year." So he went alone and made £25,000 in his first month.

Now he has homes in London and Essex, an estate in Scotland (no grouse: "I don't like shooting"), places in Bermuda and Portugal and two in Finland. Cars vary. "They're toys," he said.

Ramchan has made it. He is into the Hard Rock Cafe chain, whose New York version is the third-highest grossing cafe in North America. He is in the process of producing a film called Jane and the Lost City, a record company called Influx and he works an average week of 90 hours.

His chauffeur, Jack, confirms it. "Never stops," he said. "Doesn't smoke, hardly drinks, no drugs. 'Art of gold." The precious metal content of Ramsden's heart is a factor in his sudden upsurge into limelight. Bookies and charities have been his beneficiaries for years, but it was the Walsall deal that made him famous. Almost speechless, he appeared on television after the third division side's 4-4 draw with Watford in the FA Cup. He jumped up and down in the director's box. His commitment to the West Midland cause was no longer in doubt.

Playboy lifestyle is an anathema

Neither does he expect to retire soon despite his abundance of the readies. The thought is an anathema to him. Wot, he gasped, float in a yacht all day drinking cocktails and chasing blondes. Not me, mate. "I suppose if I wanted to be a playboy I could. But life's too short. There's too many things to do. Next time I might come back as a pussycat."

That seems unlikely somehow. Surely the fates could not be so cruel as to reincarnate Walsall's unlikely hero as a tabby. He is he admits, a typical Capricorn man. "Loyal, ambitious, hard-working, good husband, good father."

He is also, he admitted, occasionally ruthless. "I've got a talent to spot something early and the stomach to get on with it despite strong opposition. It's provided me with a lot of fulfillment," he said. "And a penny or two."



Ramsden on Aldaniti: walk to Aintree to aid cancer research (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Touting the Tongan case

DAVID MILLER, Chief Sports Correspondent, continues his tour of Olympic outposts with Juan Samaranch, IOC president

Nuku Alofa, Tonga

Prior to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, the gentle, undemonstrative people of Tonga were trapped in what can be seen with hindsight as a piece of sporting expediency. An international Olympic Committee (IOC) delegation arrived here yesterday to try to resolve the problem.

Finé Sani is one of the many outstanding boxers in Polynesia, but in 1984 Tonga had no Olympic committee. Sani was training in Fiji but ineligible, of course, for their Olympic team. Brian Wightman, a former England rugby international who has been living in Fiji since 1970 and is secretary of their Olympic committee and vice-president of the Oceania Olympic committees, had persistently lobbied Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, to admit Tonga to the Los Angeles Olympics.

Wightman's pragmatic argument is, in essence, that the Games are supposed to be for the youth of the world, and where there are competitors in small nations worthy of taking part, there should be some means to admit them.

When the socialist countries led by the Soviet Union boycotted Los Angeles, the IOC suddenly found themselves glad to welcome all-comers, so as to bolster the number of nations still taking part. Tonga were recognized as having a national Olympic committee barely a month before the Games, even though they did not fulfil the charter requirements that a country must have a minimum of three sports affiliated with international governing bodies of Olympic disciplines, and two others affiliated with recognized governing bodies.

Samaranch lured by persistence

Tonga scrambled to get their uniforms made and duly competed with a team of boxers, several of them residents in the United States. Yet a few months later, Tonga was suspended from the IOC for not having the necessary internationally affiliated sports. The problem has dragged on for over two years, with Tonga complicating matters by failing to reply to any IOC correspondence.

Tonga is best remembered in Britain for the charm and jollity of Queen Salote when she attended Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in London in 1953, catching the attention of the public during an era still grey with post-war austerity and a lack of personalities. Salote epitomized her people.

After 47 years on the throne, she died in 1965, succeeded by her son Tupatou, under whose reign Tonga became fully independent within the Commonwealth in 1970. Yet the island, strong in its undertones of English custom with, for instance, its neat, fenced front gardens, remained insular and largely inward-looking in sport, despite its occasional muscular embarrassment of Australia or New Zealand on the rugby field.

Samaranch's visit here as part of his Pacific tour was achieved only by the persistence of Wightman, and of Philip Coles, an IOC member for Australia, who cabled Steven Finan, Tonga's general secretary, to say that unless they replied by return, the visit and possible reinstatement would be out of the question.

Investigation into the files of the Amateur Sports Association revealed that letters of application had been sent to six international federations in addition to the three affiliations already registered. Samaranch assured Langi Karvamelliku, the president and a former Cambridge University LX Club player, that the IOC would inquire about the additional affiliations on his behalf.

Meanwhile, Tonga was reinstated forthwith, once again eligible for £3,500 per annum administrative assistance from the Solidarity Fund. All was smiles.

Potential to excel in Pacific sport

Fifty per cent of Tonga's population is under 20, and with 100,000 people they clearly have a potential in Pacific sport if they can get their act together. Interest runs high in international events. Though there is no direct television, videos of the Los Angeles Games, recorded in New Zealand and flown to Tonga within 24 hours, sold like ice-cream in a heatwave.

Wightman's influence has resulted in Tonga becoming host for the 1989 South Pacific mini-games, an event which provides a chance for smaller nations to host sports of their own preference and make some revenue. Tonga's mini-games are likely to include rugby, boxing, athletics, netball, golf and tennis.

In 17 years, the jovial big Englishman, a former No. 8 who won five England caps, has become an intimate of almost every southern Pacific sporting official from Papua New Guinea to Tahiti, on account of his energy and enthusiasm and a transparent altruism for sport. He is vice-president of the Oceanic Commonwealth Games Federation and regarded as a brother by Melanesians and Polynesians alike.

He was lost to British sport when he became disillusioned with erratic selection by the RFU, after gaining two caps on tour in New Zealand in 1963, and went off to teach in America and thence to Fiji.

RUGBY UNION

Memory of past glory may spark a revival

The intense rivalry between England and Wales is good-natured rather then vindictive, but real nonetheless. As Dudley Wood, secretary of the RFU, remarked: "It's a relationship based on trust and understanding . . . they don't trust us, and we don't understand them." And that's why the 24-year gap since the last English victory on Welsh soil cuts so deep.

At the time it was the chilly weather which made the headlines rather than the result or the match itself. Offa's Dyke was not the psychological barrier it now is. After all England had triumphed there only six years earlier (3-0). That the game took place at all was a miracle.

England braved the frost and hwyl to win 13-6 with tries from centre Malcolm Phillips and lock John Owen, and a dropped goal and two conversions from their stand-off half and captain, Richard Sharp.

Twenty-four barren years have ensued, and not one of the 15 Englishmen involved that day would begrudge ceding his place in the history books this coming Saturday.

Many of the players are still actively involved in the game: centre Mike Weston (29 caps) is the current chairman of selectors: Malcolm Phillips (25 caps) and flanker Budge Rogers (34 caps) are both former selectors: lock Mike Davis (16 caps) was coach from 1979-83, a term which included the grand slam year of 1980, and winger Peter Jackson (20 caps) is presently secretary of Coventry RFC.

They all admit that nostalgia's rose-tinted spectacles can blur objectivity but still honestly feel that there are several areas of weakness in the modern game.

Both Jackson and Phillips consider that excessive coaching has tended to stifle individual expression. "The collective endeavour is now paramount," says Phillips. "I think we've overdone it a bit. Even though good coaches nowadays do encourage the individual the players nonetheless seem to rely on set drills as the only way of beating a man, or look to the coach, not to themselves, to provide an answer."



Davis: was in charge of a squad bristling with self-belief

Jackson endorses the view. "Craft and cunning are the best way to beat a man. I marvel at Harrison and Underwood's speed but have yet to see them use guile or variety in tight situations."

Rogers feels that the old, supposedly inhibiting laws whereby the ball was the offside line, may have helped to sharpen the instincts. "Most fly halves were forced to live off their wits. The ball often arrived with 14 stones of a flanker attached to it. The decision to jink, to kick, to cut back or to open up was a split second one. Maybe there's too much time nowadays: time to make mistakes, time for defences to cover."

All of them recognize the vast improvements in defensive organization and the increase in upper body strength. But Rogers and Davis wonder if the modern player lacks the fitness of old. "Training was running, not tactics," recalls Rogers, "and it was three times a week."

Davis does not look back as fondly on such gruelling sessions. "It was exhausting but naive, although I guess it did give us some sort of mental stamina. My recent impression though is that we're not putting this year's fitness work to its best use."

England have only won the championship outright once since 1963 – the grand slam year of 1980. Davis believes he was blessed to have a squad bristling with self-belief. "They were guys who took decisions, who adapted to the game around them. They did not rush around like headless chickens, but imposed their style on the match. I remember once rollicking scrum-half Steve Smith for winding-up his pass. He looked at me disdainfully: 'How can I rush perfection?' he enquired."

"We almost achieved that sense of confidence up front against the French 10 days ago but we need to sustain it and let it spread to the backs. It can happen."

1963 TEAM: J Wilcox (Oxford University); P Jackson (Coventry), M Phillips (Fylde), M Weston (Durham City), J Roberts (Sale); R Sharp (Wasps), S Clarke (Cambridge University); N Drake-Lee (Cambridge University), J Taorme (Bristol), B Dovey (Rosslyn Park), M Davis (Torquay Athletic), J Owen (Coventry), D Manley (Exeter), B Wightman (Coventry), D Rogers (Bedford).

Mick Cleary

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh in search of a ray of light

Rugby League Diary
By Keith Macklin

It cannot do much for the confidence of Leigh, or of their coach Billy Benyon, to be told from all sides that St Helens were delighted to get Leigh in the challenge cup semi-finals, while Halifax and Widnes were bitterly disappointed that they did not. St Helens, it is universally agreed, hit the jackpot again by drawing the Hilton Park side, whose pleasure at reaching the semi-finals is tempered by the fact that they remain in serious danger of relegation.

Leigh have never basked in the warm glow of public adulation, and have never, even in their successful seasons found a place in the glamour bracket reserved for such as Wigan, St Helens, Leeds and the Humberside clubs. Their normal league attendance is only between 3,500 and 4,000 and Hilton Park is a homely, run of the mill ground which is never high on the lists of representative grounds. When they won the Challenge Cup in 1971, and the first division championship in 1981, it was grudgingly conceded that their 'surprise' triumphs were well deserved, with the touch of Alex Murphy providing the inspiration for both successes, first as a player then as a coach.

Murphy is now with St Helens plotting Leigh's downfall with all the ruthless cunning he has shown throughout his successful, but controversial career. He left Leigh to go to the Saints.

All of which makes life tough for Billy Benyon, who is not a man to bear grudges. Benyon was sacked as St Helens coach after he had led them to victory in the Lancashire Cup and premiership. That was when Murphy came to Knowsley Road and his arrival was greeted by the Saints' chairman Lawrie Prescott as the coming of a messiah. Benyon went out into the wilderness to lick his wounds.

He coached a leading local amateur club for a while, and then out of the blue came the recent invitation to coach Leigh and drag them out of the relegation mire. So far that has not happened, Leigh are still struggling, and the only ray of light at Hilton Park is the semi-final of the Challenge Cup.

Potter severely reprimanded

Keith Potter, the vice-chairman of Oldham, was yesterday severely reprimanded by the Rugby League management committee for an outburst in which he attacked the standard of refereeing throughout the game, following Oldham's defeat by St Helens in a Challenge Cup tie (Keith Macklin writes).

The committee, meeting in Leeds, issued a terse statement after yesterday's hearing which implied that while Potter had apologised, his apology was for the timing of his attack, rather than the content. The Oldham directors are understood to be pursuing their criticism through the league's administrative machinery.

SQUASH RACKETS

Growing interest opens way for second division

By Colin McQuillan

For the second successive year the American Express Premier League produced a tense conclusion. This week Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill fought to the last rubber of the season to win on countback from Skol Leicester, finishing level on 94 points but ahead on match victories.

"When we started out in the 1984-85 season, there was a serious concern that a national league would lack the commitment and involvement that squash develops on a local level," says Andrew Shelley, competitions manager for the Squash Rackets Association. "In fact interest has grown so much in the American Express League that we are now forced to consider a second division."

The desirability for a national league was evident some years prior to the Amex initiative. An enormous competitive base grew throughout the country during the 1970 boom years and some 50,000 players now compete weekly in inter-club county leagues in Britain.

"By starting the national league and putting in a challenge round for county club champions, American Express have provided a cohesive competition pyramid with promotion and relegation rules," Shelley explains.

The national league also connects, for the first time, the deeply dedicated professional element of competition to the grass roots of the game, where more than three million regular players go about their own competitive business in some 3,000 private, commercial and municipal clubs.

It was no mere coincidence that Philip Kenyon and Kelvin Smith, the leading players for the new league champions, dangerously delayed their departures this week to the Spanish Open, a Grand Prix tournament carrying ranking points, in order to help Dunnings Mill to 5-0 victory over Nottingham.

Results and tables

Inter-City Cannons 1, Manchester Northern 4; Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 5, House Ales Nottingham 0; Ardley Hall 0, Central Skol, Oadby 5; Arrow Village 1, Halls West Country 4; Visco Monroe 5, Gatorade Chapel Allerton 3.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts
Poundstretcher D Mill	18	16	2	94
Skol Leicester	18	14	4	94
Manchester Northern	18	13	5	89
InterCity Cannons	18	14	4	84
Gatorade C Allerton	18	11	7	70
Halls West Country	18	7	11	55
Ardleigh Hall	18	6	12	46
Homes Ales Nott'hum	18	5	13	42
Visco Monroe	18	3	15	36
Arrow Village	18	1	17	20

In similar vein Ross Norman, the world champion, scurried straight from the European Open final in Munich to support the unsuccessful attempt of InterCity Cannons to beat Manchester Northern into third place. Stuart Davenport, the world No. 3, stayed to lead Skol Leicester to a 5-0 victory over Ardleigh Hall that would have won the title had Poundstretchers faltered in just one rubber.

Kenyon and company now earn significant incomes from the national league, playing top class competition in front of partisan club crowds of a few hundreds each week of the season. There are major tournament finals in some parts of the world that still play to smaller crowds than regularly pack behind national League matches.

With national media and local television willing to recognize and report it, the Amex League provides the legitimate sporting profile its three million adherents have long insisted it deserves over other so-called minority games.

No other country boasts such a competition. Only Jahangir Khan and the other top Pakistanis are missing from the 100 international players and local men contracted to national league squads. There are strong rumours that one London club is angling to buy its way into the league with a team headed by Jahangir, who is known to demand at least £1,000 an appearance.

There is, in fact, quite a queue of wealthy and enterprising clubs anxious to join what is now established as a successful league. There are also a number of grumbles within the league about the expense of maintaining full professional squads and transporting them throughout the country, not to mention to international tournaments.

Visco Monroe and Arrow Village have been relegated back to county competition in this their first season, while other clubs, with the once paramount Nottingham among them, have struggled to find the finance to carry them through a full season. Regular gates of 300 or so are exciting in squash terms, but cannot raise the minimum of £10,000-£15,000 required to run a professional squad through a season.

Sponsorship is a basic component of the competition, which leads to many teams running under unwieldy titles. Leicester, for instance, run under the official banner of Central Skol Oadby this season, while Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill, of East Grinstead, are another mouthful.

Such presentation problems plainly need work in future years but, equally plainly, American Express and the Squash Rackets Association have nursed into reality over three seasons a national league that is already the envy of every 'minority game' in sport.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Europe pays £18m for Seoul rights

Seoul (Agencies) – The European Broadcasting Union (EBU), an umbrella group of West European television stations, yesterday signed a $28 million (about £18 million) contract to televise the 1988 Seoul Olympics in Europe. Games organizers said here. The amount compares with $19.8 million paid by the EBU for rights to the 1984 Olympics.

The Japanese NHK television network has agreed to pay $52 million and the American network, the National Broadcasting Company, at least $300 million. Committee officials said that with the $28 million agreement, total sales of television rights would reach at least $380 million.

● TOKYO (AFP): The Ethiopian head of state, Mengistu Haile Mariam, has said his country will not take part in the Seoul Olympics unless these are jointly sponsored by North and South Korea, a North Korean report said.

FISHING

Casting discrimination at Gummer's door

By Conrad Voss Bark

Salmon fishing is still a male-dominated sport in spite of the fact that women are taking more and more part in it. Last year I saw a woman on the Tweed who was throwing a long line with the best of us. Good women fishery biologists also exist but again in small numbers.

Not surprising, therefore, that the recently appointed Government Salmon Advisory Commitee is all male, mostly scientists, mostly fishermen, 10 out of the 20 members belonging to the Salmon and Trout Association. Women fishers who want to protest about blatant discrimination should write to John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, but will get nowhere.

The committee had its first meeting last week. Their task is to examine and report on the conservation and development of salmon fisheries in Britain.

The chairman is a former chairman of the British Ecological Society, Professor George Dunnet, best known among other things for his work in preserving the badger and other wild creatures.

The members of the committee are Gordon Bielby, Colin Carnie, Robert Clerk, Edward Davies, Peter Eckroyd, James Ferguson, W. Gordon Cumming, Neil Grasser, Marshall Halliday, Derek Heselton, Alan Holden, Roscoe Howells, Peter Maitland, Ian Mitchell, Simon Day, Moe Morgan, David Paton, John Pirie, David Soloman and Bill Thomson.

The preliminary fact-finding work of the committee may well take three years, if not more. It is not unlikely that it may become a permanent advisory committee or as permanent as most. Salmon fisherman will naturally hope that when the report or reports are published they will not be pigeon-holed as the Hunter Report on salmon conservation was 20 years ago.

GYMNASTICS

Soviet world champions prepare for Wembley's annual spectacle

By Peter Ackroyd

The Soviet Union's full national squad will be at Wembley on Saturday and Sunday for the fourteenth annual display by their leading gymnasts. The party of 32 is accompanied by national coaches and will treat their visit to Britain as a training camp in preparation for the European championships in May and the world championships in October.

The Soviet Union, a dominating force in the sport for the last 35 years, currently hold world team and individual overall titles for both men and women. Their three individual world champions will appear at the Wembley display. They are Oksana Omelyanchik and Yelena Shushunova, the joint holders of the women's crown; and Yuri Korolyev, the first man to win the men's world title twice – in 1981 and 1985 – since Peter Sumi of Yugoslavia in 1922 and 1926. Olga Bicherova, world champion in 1981 and a regular favourite with Wembley audiences, will also take part.

In addition the team will include two well-known internationals and potential world champions – Vladimir Artemov, world overall silver medalist, and Valentin Mogilny, the world pommel horse champion. Two other outstanding gymnasts – Alexei Tikhonkikh and Natalya Frolova – were at Wembley recently when they won the all round men's and women's titles respectively at the Kraft International in December.

The Soviet Gymnastics Federation is also sending some bright young prospects to gain further experience of performing abroad. They are Svetlana Lebedinskaya, national junior champion; Yelena Gurova, Eastern bloc youth champion; Aleksandr Kolyvanova, European junior champion; and Valeri Lyukin, national youth champion.

The display includes leading rhythmic gymnasts and sports acrobats, of which the most renowned are Natalya Miller and Evgeny Marchenko, the world, European and all-Russian mixed pair champions.

This annual spectacular of world-class talent gives the British gymnastics community a unique opportunity of seeing at first hand the latest developments in technique so often pioneered by Soviet gymnasts. It also endorses the strong links between Britain and the Soviet Union which have been maintained for over 20 years.

For example, a flow of promising British youngsters train regularly at Soviet centres and most of the training methods of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association (BAGA) are now based on the Soviet system. In January, three distinguished Soviet coaches undertook a highly successful five-week, 17-town tour of Britain to pass on their expertise to British coaches and gymnasts.

Soviet knowledge has certainly helped Britain to maintain its position among the world's top 20 gymnastics nations, a commendable achievement in the light of the superior resources and facilities enjoyed by many close rivals both in the Eastern bloc and the West.

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RACING: GANDOLFO-TRAINED CHASER CAN COMPLETE FRONT-RUNNING TREBLE

Claude Monet to show the way again over extended distance

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Fresh from those morale-boosting victories at Hereford and Huntingdon, Claude Monet is my nap to win the Forbra Gold Cup at Ludlow today.

The presence of Cerimau, Backstreet Guy and Echo Sounder in the field, particularly, should help to ensure a lively market in the ring beforehand although a move for Uncle Max should be heeded.

However, now that trainer David Gandolfo has discovered that three miles is Claude Monet's best distance, I believe that the Wantage-based nine-year-old looks set for a treble in the hands of Mark Dwyer, who clearly gets on with him so well.

Over shorter distances, Claude Monet used to be found wanting when the pace increased. Since being given his head and allowed to bowl along at the head of affairs over this extended trip he has looked an entirely different proposition and turned in two very decent performances as a result.

He upset the in-form North Lane by six lengths at Hereford and then carrying his penalty beat Medway Gauntlet by double that distance at Huntingdon.

This then is Claude Monet's last opportunity to race from off his old mark in the handicap. Interestingly, he is still better in today's race, even with his 5lb penalty, than he is in future handicaps which have been compiled in the light of his latest win.

Backstreet Guy is similarly penalized for winning first time out at Towcester. While applauding trainer Nicky Henderson's skill in nursing him back to peak fitness after such a lengthy injury-enforced absence, I still feel that beating Oyster Pond by two lengths was not necessarily the performance of a horse who constitutes the biggest danger now. A line through Gold Bearer appears to give Claude Monet 3lb in hand over Echo Sounder so Cerimau, the top weight, could easily prove the main threat. But I still expect to see Claude Monet lead all the way.

Otherwise, it should pay to follow Anne, Duchess of Westminster's yellow and black colours, made immortal by Arkle. Richard Dunwoody will wear them first on **Dennis Auburn** who looks to have a good chance of winning the Aldon Handicap Chase.

Hywel Davies later teams up with **Wyford** who is my selection to win the Bromfield Novices' Chase following that commendable win over the course and distance three weeks ago. In the meantime, the runner-up, Patrick Fair, has added some credence to the form by winning next time out at Wolverhampton.

Corbitt Coins can be given a good chance of winning the Ladbroke Racing Mares Only Handicap Hurdle if one forgets that she has been steeplechasing with little success recently. Earlier in the season, she beat Bonanza Boy at Cheltenham only to lose the prize subsequently in the stewards' room and no-one needs reminding what Bonanza Boy has achieved since.

At Lingfield Park, Richard Rowe appears to have sound prospects of winning both divisions of the Orpington Novices' Hurdle for Josh Gifford on **Ballyhane** and **Brookmount**.

Ballyhane (2.0), a recent arrival at Findon from Ireland, went noticably well in a gallop with the stable's crack chaser Door Latch at Kempton on Sunday morning. His form in Ireland stands up as well as that of Jack's Luck and Remedy the Malady.

Brookmount (3.30), who also spent his formative years in Ireland, coped well with the Fontwell mud last month when beating Tivian and Mareth Line. He should prove too strong for Mairead's Joy.

Well that the course and distance winner The Hacienderos should go in the Manifesto Novices' Chase, there is still a good case for preferring **Battle King** whose only steeplechase so far promised so well. That was at Newbury last month where he was beaten only a neck by Master Bob.

Observe can make amends

The R E Sassoon Memorial Chase at Lingfield Park today is classed as a hunter chase but the true hunters can have little hope of winning when set to carry the same weight as useful ex-handicap chasers (Brian Beel writes).

OBSERVE, who has proved a costly failure for favourite backers in his two hunter chases to date, will never have a better chance than this. Although he is a difficult ride for an amateur, Tom Grantham is as good as most and this combination should prevail over King Ba Ba and Dramlargan though Combe Hill is not without an outside chance.

Weld delays decision on Greasepaint

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

In the continuing saga of Greasepaint's possible Grand National appearance, a final decision will not be made until the veteran has had yet another race in Ireland. He had his first outing of 1987 in the Foxrock Cup at Leopardstown yesterday, finishing seventh to Small Run who had made every yard of the running.

Dermot Weld's first reaction was to announce the retirement of this grand old steeplechaser who has reached the first four in three Aintree Grand Nationals but Anthony Powell, who had the mount yesterday, persuaded him to hold his hand.

According to Powell, "Greasepaint ran a good deal better than he had been given credit for and but for lack of fitness would have got much closer to the winner".

Weld said that he did not now know where he would run Greasepaint before Liverpool but that he had made several entries for him.

Mrs Susan Sangster's hopes of having a fancied hurdle runner at Cheltenham evaporated when *You're In Charge* turned in a very sloppy display of jumping to finish fifth to *L'Ane Rouge* in the Hillcrest Hurdle. The winner was recovering the smart form he had shown over this course and distance at Christmas.

It is likely that he will join Homer Scott's team for Cheltenham with his target the Sun Alliance Hurdle.



Tactical talk: Guy Harwood and his daughter Amanda take time out at Coombelands to discuss tomorrow's hunter chase at Newbury (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Harwoods in harmony over ambitious plans

Big-race nerves are nothing new to Guy Harwood but the master trainer of Pulborough could be pardoned for feeling a shade more pensive than usual at Newbury tomorrow.

In the parade ring, from where he has despatched countless Flat winners, Harwood will give final instructions to his daughter Amanda and then send her out to ride the family horse, Red Shah, in the Julians of Reading Ltd Hunter Chase.

For 17-year-old Amanda it is her first ride in a hunter chase. More than that, however, it is stage one of an ambitious but carefully-laid plan which, she hopes, will see her tackling the obstacles of both Cheltenham and Aintree before the end of the season.

"It will all take time. I hope first to go to the United States and Australia to work in stables and learn the business. When I come back and settle down I would like to get a few years' experience here with half a dozen horses and then take over the yard at about 30.

"It's important I establish the respect of the owners but it's also important to me that I should live my life first."

To secure a safety net in case her dreams should die, Miss Harwood is to start a college course in the autumn, though as yet she is not sure what her subject will be.

"Cookery is a possibility. At school, I once took a cookery exam an hour before riding in a hurdle race at Plumpton."

Horses currently dominate her life. She has ridden winners on the Flat and in point-to-points and she still covets the idea of eventing. Her father has bought her two eventing horses but she admits: "It is time-consuming and expensive and this will have to be a make-or-break year for me.

"If I'm honest, pointing has given me the most pleasure up to now because there seems so much more involvement. The Flat is only fun while you are winning — there is no excitement in being out the back."

Scorning the cosseted caution of fathers

This, you might think, has all the makings of a crisis in family harmony. Not so. Mr Harwood, scorning the cosseted caution of many a father, has encouraged his daughter in every way as she divides her attention between diverse branches of the equestrian world and now that the public spotlight is about to be turned on her, he intends to be at her side.

The young rider says: "He has always been a great support. Neither he nor Mum pushed me into riding but they didn't need to.

"When I was very young they bought me a pony, who used to bomb off with me, and they took me to various point-to-points where all I wanted to do was stand at the last fence and cheer when someone fell off.

"I was only 10 when I started riding out for Dad on a horse called Monopoly. Each year, I would ride a couple more but he never put me on anything he didn't think I could handle. I get annoyed with him now and again because I am strong-willed but I only learn when I listen to him."

There are striking similarities between Guy and Amanda. They share the lean, hungry Harwood features. They also share the quality of organised ambition which has led Amanda to map out the years ahead to the day when she will be ready to take over the training duties at Coombelands.

Red Shah provides her best and worst moments

Red Shah, formerly trained in Ireland by 'Mouse' Morris and briefly stabled with Josh Gifford at Findon before being passed on to his neighbour, has given Miss Harwood her best and worst moments so far.

"The worst was when I was unseated by him. If I ever saw that again on tape I think I would die. I shouldn't be allowed on a racecourse riding like that."

The comical self-recrimination soon passes and she is back to the future. If things go well tomorrow, Red Shah is aimed at the four-mile National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham and then on to Liverpool. "Those fences are very tempting. This year the Foxhunters, next year the National." Miss Harwood, you will gather, is not short of ambition.

Alan Lee

Hard work for Kings College Boy

Kings College Boy foiled a gamble on Border Lad in the Fort Royal Novices' Chase at Worcester yesterday but failed to enhance his prospects of winning the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham.

He made numerous mistakes, including a bad one at the tenth, and it wasn't until the last 50 yards that he got ahead of Michael Oliver's six-year-old, who had been backed from 50-1 to 14-1, to score by three-quarters of a length.

The winning owner, Harron Thomson, said afterwards: "Graham McCourt reported that the horse could not get his feet out of the ground. He likes soft going but this was much worse than that. I'd very much hope that he will still go for the Sun Alliance but we'll see how he comes out of this race."

This was Kings College Boy's 13th success. He has won eight Flat races, three over hurdles and now two over fences.

Jessica Charles-Jones broke her collar-bone in a fall from Tarr Steps in this race.

At Wetherby, Old Applejack, the 5-4 favourite, booked his place in the Scottish National at Ayr on April 11 with a runaway 20 lengths victory from Peace Clash in the Aberford Hunters' Chase.

Old Applejack came up for sale at Doncaster Sales but failed to reach his reserve and was bought privately by Henry Clarke. The one-horse permit holder owned two useful Flat horses, Playtex, winner of £13,000 in prize money, and Pitskelly Blues, who won a remarkable nine races off the reel.

Hurricane Henry will make a quick reappearance at Market Rasen on Saturday after a fluent 2½ lengths victory from Toffee Apple in the Harewood Novices' Hurdle.

Wetherby results

Going: good to soft

2.15 (2m hdle) 1. HORRICANE HENRY (R Beggan, 15-2); 2. Toffee Apple (M Brennan, 5-1); 3. Romantic Uncle (S Youdan, 5-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Commanchero (4th), Unex-Pleased (5th), 15-2 Gregonan Chant, 8 Capricorn Blue, 10 Elegant Guest (6th), Mewdyn Gale, 14 Fashion Fling, 16 Tiziano, Common Farm (pu), 33 Dad's Line, Dom Edino, Gignant, Snowtire Chap, Tarasserm, Th'olimen, Wilke The Moon, Hya Bud (ur). 20 ran. NR: Roman Moor. 2½l, 3l, 2l, ¾l, hd, M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £7.80; £3.20, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £14.50. CSF: £56.83.

2.45 (3m 100yd) 1. OLD APPLEJACK (Mr J Osborne, 5-4 fav); 2. Peace Clash (Mr J Greenall, 7-1); 3. Moons Quadrille (Mr H Brown, 33-1); ALSO RAN: 7-4 Rugby (bd), 15-2 Raven Venture (ur), 9 Zamboker (f), 33 Willow Lad (f). 7 ran. 20l, dist. W Clarke at Thirsk. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £3.00. DF: £4.90. CSF: £10.70.

3.15 (2m 50yd ch) 1. SEA MERCHANT (R Lamb, 9-4); 2. Kevinsfort (M Dwyer, 8-11 fav); 3. Hy Tats (J K Kinane, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 25 Simon Bolivar (f), 33 Burglars Walk (4th), 5 ran. NR: Karanicore. 20l, 15l, 20l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.95.

3.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1. ETHELS COURSE (T Reed, 7-1); 2. *Don't Be Late* (M Dwyer, 4-5 fav); 3. Lubliana (T P Whitt, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Warcrest (4th), 10 Cobby Castle (5th), 14 Newton Springs, Pauoker Moon (pu) 16 Kitty Quick, Snaldra Grove (pu), 20 Dercanny, 33 Allez (6th), Orient Laughter (pu), Trailing Rose, 50 Babe Hattie (pu), Chances Pitch, Charlene Lady (pu), Don't Desper, Queen Of Tender, Udale Court (pu), Sevolevres. 20 ran. NR: Kempross, *Saxon Steve 5l, 1¾l, 4l, 1l, 5l D Moffatt at Carmel.* Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £1.20, £5.70. DF: £5.70. CSF: £13.68.

4.20 (2m 4f 100yd ch) 1. HILL'S GUARD (A Stringer 4-6 fav); 2. Barnypellips-Disco (Mr S Whittaker, 6-1); 3. Welsh Spirit (Mr P Johnson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Donna Fanna (5th), 14 Saken Turn (f), 20 Bickerstaffe (pu), Dammion Dear (f), 33 Greporose (4th), Whaley Burn (f), 100 Captain Joe (f), 10 ran. NR: Kerasella. 1l, 2½l, 10l, 3l, C Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.56.

4.50 (3m hdle) 1. TERN (L Wyer, 2-1 fav); 2. Fair Bayard (S Youdan, 7-2); 3. Good To See You (D Wilkinson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Peter Martin (f), 7 Bardsey (5th), 15-2 Crammond Bing (4th), 20 Magwood (6th). 25 Poona Express (f), 8 ran. 10l, 3l, 6l, 8l, dist. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £7.40. CSF: £10.18. Tricast: £45.04.

Placepot: £3.90.

Worcester

Going: heavy

2.0 (2m hdle) 1. FINGEST (A Webb, 11-1); 2. Swiss Nephew (R Rowe, 7-2 fav); 3. Music Minstrel (Saeed Knight, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5 L B Laughs (6th), 6 Schmidtator, 8 D'Or's Gem (5th), Kellyann, 10 Mittescens, Pearly King (4th), 33 Inner Calm (pu), 50 Revelation (pu), Sonny Hill Lad, Stardust Rod, Richieson Lad. 14 ran. NR: Colonel Nickie, Roaring Spark. 4l, 1l, 3l, 2½l, ¾l. Miss A King at Stratford-on-Avon. Tote: £9.00; £3.10, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £44.60. CSF: £46.58.

2.30 (3m ch) 1. KING'S COLLEGE BOY (S McCourt, 11-10 fav); 2. Border Lad (R Dunwoody, 14-1); 3. Lisapadeg (Mr Bowtell, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Dark Brief (f), 10 Carnapella (5th), Man Of Spirit (f), Le Vulgan, 14 High Bend (6th), 20 Chalice Pet (4th), 50 Brassneys Copse (f), Carrigean Castle (pu), Gretta's Legacy (pu), Robert Henry (pu), Tarr Steps (f), Coolek (pu), Dusty Run (f), Young Jill. 17 ran. NR: Brymo, ¾l, 12l, 7l, 1l, 20l. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £4.00, £3.40. DF: £27.10. CSF: £16.33.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1. HIGH RIDGE (L Harvey, 25-1); 2. Tour De Force (H Davies, 20-1); 3. Brown Riffle (D J Burchell, 7-1); 4. *Radgrave Artist (P Scudamore, 5-1).* ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Bus Sparkus, 11-2 Mollington, 8 Cons Pet, 10 Pamphoury, Rutts Magic (pu), 14 Baltic Sea (5th), 16 Keep Swimming, Rancher, 20 Crumpet Catcher (pu), Palemoster Row (pu), 33 Clermont Lane (5th), 50 Laurroc, Double Swing (pu), William The First, Indaco. 19 ran. ¾l, 2l, 1½l, 10l, ¾l. J Parrett at Cheltenham. Tote: £36.90; £6.80, £5.80, £2.80. £1.90. DF: £267.20. CSF: £414.76. Tricast: £3,480.61.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. WESTERN SUNSET (H Davies, 10-11 fav); 2. Straight Accord (S Shilston, 7-4); 3. Fire Drill (P Richards, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Baltic (pu), 66 Chelsea Island (4th), 100 New Kayber (5th). 6 ran. 3l, 3l, 8l, dist. T Forster at Letcombe. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £2.64.

4.0 (3m ch) 1. QUARRIER (Mr T Thomson Jones, 17-2); 2. Drops O'Brandy (Mr T Smith, 12-1); 3. Play The Knave (Mr J Barry, 8-1); 4. Carney Glen (Miss G Armytage, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Short Rate (5th), 13-2 Dingbat, 7 Kingswick, 16 Thornton, 20 Nuage Nudge, 25 Traska (6th), 33 Haworth Park (f), 50 Prosect (f), Baily Task, Kilton Jem, Haysever, Yellow Colt (pu), Waveney Wish. 17 ran. 1½l, 10l, 2½l, 2l, T Forster at Letcombe Basset. Tote: £8.40; £1.90, £4.50, £2.70, £1.40. DF: £43.10. CSF: £96.04. Tricast: £764.31.

4.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1. KEELEY LOURSE (Peter Hobbs, 13-2); 2. Anagmar's Daughter (S Earle, 5-1 fav); 3. Only Trouble (R Dunwoody, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Larchwood, Free Travel (pu), 10 Incamella (pu), 12 Sweet Storm (5th), 14 Cape Mannon, Celtic Valley (6th), 16 Spring Phire (4th), 20 Handy Lane, Emmanizer (pu), 33 Cotswold Pearl (pu), Emerald Valley (pu), Myscal Rose, Turn Mill, 50 Clyffe Walk (pu), Daphantine, Little Khan (ur), Millers Way (pu), Pantommist, Redgrave Dewit, Sharajen, Tawny Silk. 24 ran. NR: Hilly-Down Lass. 1l, ¾l, 8l, 1½l, 4l, P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £6.30; £1.90, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £22.10. CSF: £37.96.

Placepot: £17.95.

Minstrella has Newbury date

Charlie Nelson, just back from a successful Cagnes-sur-Mer excursion, confirms that Minstrella has wintered well and will have her preparatory race for the 1,000 Guineas in the Fred Darling Stakes on April 10.

Nelson has already won the Newbury trial with Millingdale Lillie (1980) and Mahogany (1984), the pair going on to finish fourth and sixth respectively at Newmarket.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Ballyhane.
2.30 Observe.
3.00 Battle King.
3.30 Brookmount.
4.00 French Captain.
4.30 Young Nicholas.

By Michael Seely

2.30 King Ba Ba. 3.30 **BROOKMOUNT** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 **BROOKMOUNT.**

Going: heavy

2.0 ORPINGTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £838: 2m) (13 runners)

3	4210-32	BALLYHANE (H Joel) J Gifford 5-11-4	R Rowe	98	F5-4
5	030-000	CORNCHARM (Corncharm Ltd) H Collingridge 6-11-4	P Tuck	70	16-1
6	0	DELLWOOD RENOWN (M Gadsby) W Hogen 5-11-4	S Keightley	—	20-1
9	00F	GOURTIONIST (C Wildman) C Wildman 5-11-4	S Gilmour (7)	—	20-1
11	0002-32	JACK'S LUCK (J Jiggens) M Tompkins 6-11-4	S Sherwood	● 99	7-2
12	002-4	KINGS FOLLY (Mrs A Gregg) D Haydn Jones 5-11-4	G McCourt	84	12-1
13	P00-P00	LITTLE DICKENS (E Beever) E Beever 5-11-4	P Guest	—	33-1
16	0000-04	PROFIT WARRANT (C Fitch) Pat Mitchell 5-11-4	R Goldstein	70	16-1
17	0-P3	REMEDY THE MALADY (J Beasley) M Robinson 5-11-4	Miss C Beasley	86	8-1
18	6/000-30	SHINYWOOD (T Falco) R Akehurst 5-11-4	—	84	10-1
22	20-	NARCONE (E Gleadall) W Kemp 5-10-13	R Beggan	—	16-1
24		ABYDOS (Mrs B Cursey) B Curley 4-10-10	D Murphy	—	14-1
29	032	TOFFEE APPLE (N Cabburn) D Thom 4-10-10	NON-RUNNER	—	—

1986: ABANDONED — FROST

FORM BALLYHANE, winner of 2 NH Flat races in Ireland last year this season (12-0) finished 4l 2nd to Friendly Saint (12-0) in a compassive event at Tipperary (2m 1f, £965, heavy, Nov 27, 24 ran). JACK'S LUCK (11-0) was a 6l runner up to impressive winner Convinced (11-7), the pair going 30l clear of the remainder, at Windsor last time (2m 30y, £1474, good to soft, Feb 21, 18 ran) a race in which GOURTIONIST (11-0) finished 7th. KINGS FOLLY (11-0) was just over 11l 4th to Crusader's Star (11-0) on reappearance at Worcester (2m, £1169, heavy, Dec 17, 22 ran) REMEDY THE MALADY (11-5) made most when going down by a neck and 1½l to Green Steps (11-5) at Nottingham (2m, £1173, good, Feb 21, 23 ran). SHINYWOOD, highly creditable 5th in handicap company last time, previously (11-0) finished about 15l 3rd to Macroom (11-0) over this course and distance (£1570, soft, Dec 20, 12 ran). TOFFEE APPLE (10-10) a 10l 3rd to subsequent winner Intrepid Lad (11-6) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £825, good, Feb 23, 20 ran) makes a quick reappearance after running 2nd to Hurricane Henry at Wetherby yesterday.
Selection: BALLYHANE

2.30 R.E.SASSOON MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £908: 3m) (10 runners)

2	1020/0-P	ARABIAN MUSIC (Lady Rootes) Lady Rootes 12-12-0	Miss S Finch (7)	80	16-1
3	04/03-	ARYLL VALLEY (S Thorogood) S Thorogood 10-12-0	—	75	12-1
6	020F-44	DRUMLARGAN (D) (G Wragg) D Gasset 13-12-0	G Wragg (7)	96	7-2
7	3/0413-2	KING BA BA (D,BF) (A Wates) R Gow 12-12-0	T Mashell (7)	94	5-2
10	0334-22	OBSERVE (D,BF) (R E A Bott Ltd) F Winter 11-12-0	T Grantham (4)	● 99	F7-4
13	P4	TELF (Mrs E Ludlow) Mrs E Ludlow 7-12-0	P Clarke (7)	—	20-1
14	0-UP	WOOD BY WOOD (C Bravery) C Bravery 9-12-0	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—	16-1
15	00P00-P	AVOFROUD (C Gasaley) R Parker 7-11-9	C Gasaley (7)	—	25-1
16	0224-F3	COMBE HILL (Mrss A Gibson Fleming) N Mitchell 10-11-9	N Mitchell (7)	81	14-1
17	P0	JUBILATOR (Mrs T Arthur) Mrs T Arthur 10-11-9	Miss J Arthur (7)	—	33-1

FORM ARYLL VALLEY (11-9) was a creditable 6th, beaten about 20l, to Border Burg (12-7) on seasonal debut at Sandown last year (3m 118y, £4877, soft, Apr 25, 18 ran). COMBE HILL (11-10) had DRUMLARGAN (12-3) 1½l behind in 4th, when just over 5l 3rd to Phil Grey (12-11) at Chepstow (3m, £852, soft, Feb 21, 9 ran). KING BA BA (12-10) looked fit enought to do seasonal debut but was outclassed by Eliogarty (12-10), going down by 10l (3m 1f, £1738, good, Feb 15, 15 ran) a race in which TELF (11-7) was in rear when pulled up and WOOD BY WOOD (11-7) unseated rider at 1st plain fence on the 2nd circuit. OBSERVE is looking a shade one paced these days and (12-0) went down by 2½l to Beamwam (12-0) at Nottingham (2m 6f, £680, good to soft, Feb 16, 8 ran).
Selection: KING BA BA

3.0 MANIFESTO NOVICE CHASE (£2,259: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

4	303/0-11	THE HACIENDEROS (CD) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 8-11-9	D Murphy	91	3-1
6	U-00042	BATTLE KING (Mrs D Beckington) F Winter 6-11-5	P Scudamore	● 99	F5-2
7	U0UP/P0	BRITISH PRINCE (P Harvey) F Harvey 8-11-5	J Tuite (7)	—	50-1
8	112/F34	CHURCHES GREEN (BF) (G Tindall) S Mellor 8-11-5	M Harrington	87	6-1
9	000-0F4	CROUGHAN (R Basben) Miss L Bower 6-11-5	R Rowell	—	16-1
11	P000P/0	LANDED GENT (C Sutton) C Willett 10-11-5	Mr C Willett	—	50-1
12	003/000	LAURA'S PRIDE (A Marriott) C Widman 10-11-5	S Gilmour (7)	—	33-1
16	P-PF4/F	SALEHURST (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 7-11-5	S Moore	73	20-1
17	P	SULTOWN LAD (B) (S Birkett) H Beasley 4-10-9	Tracy Turner	—	33-1
18	P	SALMON SPINNER (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 9-11-5	Mr P Townsley	—	25-1
19	4/0000F-	SOBER SAM (Mrs C Notley) R Voorspuy 7-11-5	NON-RUNNER	—	—
20	0/411-02	ST ANDREW'S BAY (Mrs D Price) T Forster 7-11-5	L Harvey (4)	86	7-2
21	110-003	STIKIT'S BROTHER (Mrs A Alhamrani) Miss E Sneyd 9-11-5	B Powell	91	12-1
21	04-0003	TROUT ANGLER (P Trant) Miss P O'Connor 6-11-5	E Wade	91	20-1
23	00-3414	CELAIR (D) (Miss L Kent) R Head 5-10-9	M Head (7)	76	12-1

FORM THE HACIENDEROS (11-8) on a hat-trick after beating Cumrew (11-2) a length overthis course and distance (£1486, soft, Dec 20, 8 ran). BATTLE KING (11-4) far from disgraced on chasing debut when a head 2nd to Master Bob (11-10) at Newbury (2m 4f, £2361, soft, Feb 14, 9 ran). CHURCHES GREEN (11-3) best judged on a 3¼l 3rd to Wolfow Will (11-3) at Hampton (2m, £3059, soft, Jan 24, 4 ran). ST ANDREW'S BAY (11-2) tipped for speed from 2 out when 3l 2nd to Panto Prince (11-6) at Chepstow (2m, £2720, soft, Feb 21, 12 ran). STIKIT'S BROTHER (11-3) ran with a good deal of credit when 23l 3rd to Playschool (11-7) at Chepstow (2m 4f, £2835, soft, Feb 21, 8 ran). TROUT ANGLER (10-1) 5½l 3rd 40 Aquilifer (10-1), with CELAIR (10-8) 12l further back in 4th at Folkestone (2m 4f, £1751, heavy, Feb 18, 15 ran).
Selection: BATTLE KING

3.30 ORPINGTON NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £811: 2m) (16 runners)

1	021	BROOKMOUNT (H Pelham) J Gifford 5-11-10	R Rowe	● 98	F4-5
3	020	ALWAYS DANGEROUS (Mrs V Harrison) J Spearing 5-11-4	T Wall	85	10-1
4	32-	BAY-EM-WAY (A Price) P Arthur 5-11-4	G McCourt	—	14-1
5	0-PS040	BAY POND (D Underwood) D Underwood 5-11-4	L Harvey (4)	61	33-1
6	P/FFF0P	CASTILORE LAD (C Pike) J Long 7-11-4	Lesse Long (7)	—	50-1
9	0	FOCUS ON FOSTER (Foster Refrigerator Ltd) O Sherwood 5-11-4	S Sherwood	—	10-1
10	00	HEADLEY HALL (Mrs W Gerhauser) P Mitchell 5-11-4	G McCourt	—	12-1
11	P-00	NORDIC SAVAGE (J Sheerer) I Cox 5-11-4	—	—	25-1
14	0	SHAD RABUGK (Mrs J Robinson) J Perrett 6-11-4	Steve Knight	72	33-1
15		SWIFT GUIDE (Mrs E Dudgeon) I Dudgeon 7-11-4	M Richards	—	25-1
16	10	L B LAUGHS (D) (City & Essex Travel Ltd) Mrs N Smith 4-11-2	NON-RUNNER	—	—
17	040120	WINNING DANCER (J Hunt) Miss L Bower 4-11-2	R Rowell	83	12-1
18	00-0432	FORMIDABLE LADY (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 5-10-13	M Harrington	85	6-1
19		FU'S LADY (S Dunster) P Hobbs 5-10-13	Peter Hobbs	—	16-1
20	0	MAIREAD'S JOY (David Hobdell Building) N Henderson 6-10-13	S Smith Eccles	—	8-1
23		VARSITY (D Jagroop) R Curtis 4-10-10	K Treyior (7)	—	33-1

FORM BROOKMOUNT has been running in much better company than this and will be very difficult to beat if reproducing (11-3) a 9l defeat of Tiveen (11-3) at Fontwell with WINNING DANCER (10-7) a distant 8th. (2m 2f, £4357, good to soft, Feb 9, 10 ran). ALWAYS DANGEROUS turned in a dismal performance last time but prior to that (11-3) had been a very respectable 12l 2nd to useful Macroom (11-9) at Lingfield with FORMIDABLE LADY (10-12) ½l length back in 3rd (2m, £685, good to soft, Feb 5, 21 ran). FOCUS ON FOSTER should improve on (11-0) a 36l 5th to Very Special (11-0), a subsequent winner, at Folkestone (2m, £833, heavy, Feb 16, 19 ran). SHAD RABUGK also made a promising debut to be (11-7) 25½l 5th to Fervent Hope (11-7) at Ludlow (2m, £980, good to soft, Feb 11, 18 ran). L B LAUGHS ran yesterday but failed to follow up on (10-10) a 6l debut defeat of Quick Reaction (10-10) at Towcester with WINNING DANCER (10-10) 13½l back in 4th (2m, £685, good, Nov 13, 18 ran).
Selection: BROOKMOUNT

4.0 JERRY M HANDICAP CHASE (£2,536: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

2	101221	ATATAHO (B Snell) J Roberts 11-11-8 (5ex)	C Brown	92	7-2
3	P14-444	BELGROVE LAD (S Sansbury) T Forster 9-11-7	L Harvey (4)	97	11-2
4	111331	FRENCH CAPTAIN (D) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Harries 11-11-7 (5ex)	M Kinane	98	F3-1
5	43-3184	BRASS CHANGE (D) (N Goodrich) I Dudgeon 9-11-5	M Richards	97	10-1
7	033F01	AUGHRA BOURA (D) (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 11-10-12 (5ex)	R Rowe	97	5-1
8	P12F12	AUTUMN ZULU (D) (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 9-10-8	R Rowell	● 89	7-1
9	1-U0220	LANACRE BRIDGE (B) (A Hobbs) P Hobbs 10-10-2	Peter Hobbs	86	16-1
10	0P0-4P9	ROCK SAINT (CD) (G Gregson) G Gregson 10-10-0	Mr T Grantham (4)	80	25-1
12	U1P/FU-P	CASTLES-IN-THE-AIR (D Lyles) D Lyles 9-10-0	C Cox	—	50-1
13	PFFPU4	BROWN'S STAR (D) (R Tonkin) D Oughton 7-10-0	L Jenkins (7)	76	33-1
15	2PF-000	GIOLLARETTA (D) (Mrs D Stamp) G Gracey 8-10-0	R Beggan	75	33-1

FORM ATATAHO (11-10) not extended to beat Cabral (10-0) 15l at Stratford (2m, £2398, soft, Feb 28, 7 ran). BELGROVE LAD as been operated on for a soft palate since (11-5) finishing a well beaten 4th to Bishops Yarn (11-4) here (2m 4f, soft), is better judged on penultimate start of last season when (11-3) beating Echo Sounder (10-2) 2l at Newbury (2m 4f, £3007, good, Mar 21, 8 ran) AUTUMN ZULU (11-1) 2l 2nd to Kamir (10-7), with FRENCH CAPTAIN (11-8) 6l further away 3rd, BROWN'S STAR (10-1) another 10l back in 4th. AUGHRA BOURA (10-13) a short head away 5th and ROCK SAINT (10-10) another 6l back in 6th at Folkestone (2m 4f, £2226, heavy, Feb 18, 15 ran). FRENCH CAPTAIN (11-3) scoring 4th victory of the season when beating Vodkami (10-9) 12l at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £2166, soft, Feb 24, 9 ran). BRASS CHANGE (11-2) best judged on a 6l beating of Oversway (10-11), with AUGHRA BOURA (10-13) 12½l back in 5th at Towcester (2m 5f, £2121, good, Nov 29, 8 ran). AUGHRA BOURA (11-7) returned to best on latest start when beating Celtic Hamlet (10-0) 2½l at Huntingdon (3m, £2250, soft, Feb 24, 7 ran).
Selection: BELGROVE LAD

4.30 THREE COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,817: 2m) (11 runners)

2	000-100	YOUNG NICHOLAS (D) (B Durham) N Henderson 6-11-7	S Smith Eccles	97	F5-2
5	1110-3P	DIAMONDS HIGH (J Musson) D Grissell 5-10-13	R Goldstein	92	14-1
6	4-83200	JIMMY LORENZO (J De Mestre) P Hedger 5-10-12	M Richards	● 99	5-1
8	001000	WINDBREAKER (B,CD) (A Pepper) A Moore 9-10-11	G Moore	94	6-1
9	P0321P-	CHARJSI (CJD) (A Moore) A Moore 9-10-11	Candy Moore (4)	91	12-1
11	P00000	OWEN'S PRIDE (D) (Venture Chemicals Ltd) R Akehurst 5-10-8	—	87	14-1
12	422-032	BIX WOODCOCK (D) (Mrs T Davis) G Kindersley 6-10-6	C Brown	88	3-1
16	000	AYRES ROCK (D Myers) M Haynes 6-10-0	A Wright	88	10-1
18	13003/P	BAJAN BOY (D) (A Marriott) C Widman 7-10-0	S Gilmour (7)	—	20-1
19	012Z2F/	AUTUMN SUN (D) (A Price) P Arthur 10-10-0	E Murphy	—	16-1
20	1000-00	TREGERIOG (CD) (Mrs V Teal) Mrs V Teal 7-10-0	J Duggan	87	25-1

FORM DIAMONDS HIGH disappointed last time having (11-7) finished a creditable 11l 3rd to Bellatas Lad (10-10) at Cheltenham (2m, £2532, Oct 9, firm, 6 ran). JIMMY LORENZO is far better than he has shown on last 2 starts and is best judged on (10-2) a 4l 2nd to Yabis (11-7) at Kempton, with YOUNG NICHOLAS (10-6) in rear. (2m, £3241, soft, Dec 26, 13 ran). YOUNG NICHOLAS is much better when fresh and scored on reappearance (11-1) at Warwick by a length from Colonel James (10-5). (2m, £2423, good, Nov 15, 7 ran). WINDBREAKER is a Lingfield specialist and showed easily best form of season when

The Times on sport in the universities: Part 1

Ivory towers' eroded privilege



Taylor-made but not Bristol fashion: Durham's scrum half threads through the opposition (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

THE REDBRICK REVOLUTION

By Andrew Longmore

Next season, for the first time, the Combined Universities cricket team in the Benson and Hedges Cup will be chosen not just from students at Oxford and Cambridge, but from all the British universities.

It is a change as significant as any in the game in recent years. The outer defences of Oxbridge's cricketing exclusivity have been breached; it surely will not be too long before the castle of first-class status is captured, too.

To many, that will be the logical outcome of decades of sporting neglect at Oxford and Cambridge. But that is to look at only one side of the coin. Flip it over and there is another reason for the shifting balance of sporting power in the university system: the steady but relentless progress in the redbrick universities.

"The strength of sport in the Redbricks has tended to be seen in terms of a downward movement in sport at Oxbridge," said Ian Grant, secretary of the Universities Athletic Union (UAU), which represents 43 universities and university colleges in England and Wales. "But there has also been a corresponding increase in the standard of UAU sport."

Grant is eager to play down the rivalry between the UAU and Oxbridge, although he is critical of the increasing overseas postgraduate influence on Oxbridge sports such as rugby and rowing.

And there will be few tears shed in the redbricks — on the cricket fields, at least — that the end of a sporting tradition is in sight. "The widening of selection to all universities will make the Combined Universities a stronger side and that, perhaps is the most important thing," said Grenville Holland, a tutor at Durham University and a member of the committee set up by the Test and County Cricket Board to select the Combined Universities side.

Not many years ago, a statement like his would have been derided inside the boundaries of Oxford and Cambridge, but not now. A look at the pedigree of recent county players shows that though there is a steady flow of talent from Oxbridge into county cricket, the former trickle of UAU players has become a flood. Last season, Durham alone could have fielded a complete team of current first-class cricketers. The trend has been reflected, too, in the composition of the Test team.

Graeme Fowler and Paul Allott (both Durham), Richard Ellison (Exeter), Paul Downton (Exeter) and Tim Robinson (Sheffield), for example, have come via the UAU Championship into Test cricket.

But it is not just on the cricket field that the UAU have built a fearsome reputation for sporting excellence. In the last 15 years, 12 international rugby players have emerged from Durham, and the chances are that Will Carling will become the thirteenth.

It is one of the ironies of the current trend that several of those players, including Marcus Rose and Fran Clough, have then moved on to Cambridge to complete their academic and rugby educations; ironic because the increasing academic competition stops many good sportsmen going to Oxbridge in the first place.

Martin Speight, who recently returned from Young England's cricket tour of Sri Lanka, is one example. He narrowly failed to gain a place at Keble College, Oxford, a college noted for a sporting tradition. A few years ago, before the drop in places for male undergraduates, Speight would have gone to Oxford. Now he is at Durham.

Apathy towards sport may be apparent in the ivory towers but it is not an attitude prevalent on most UAU campuses — nor, more importantly, in the boardrooms of many major companies.

"Lots of our universities see sporting excellence as a way of justifying themselves in terms of publicity and employment," added Grant. "If you take two graduates, one with a first-class honours degree and the other with a 2:1, but has played sport to the fringe of international level, then I think most companies will take the all-rounder."

Students inside and outside Oxbridge are aware of unemployment, and the reaction to it on the part of the academic staff strongly affects their attitude to sport. Carling, who is in the second year of his psychology degree at Durham, has found his tutors very co-operative about his rugby. "They take their sport very seriously here. They seem to realize that it does a lot for the reputation of the university to have good sportsmen and there are few grudges held against them."

Dr Ben Brown, a chemistry tutor at Oriel and a former amateur international goalkeeper, does not teach between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. except by prior arrangement, encouraging his students play sport. "But," he said, "some tutors will do just the opposite and a lot of students would not dare ask if they could have the time to play sport."

By contrast on UAU campuses, Wednesday afternoons, at least, are sacrosanct. On any one of them during the winter, more than 6,000 men and women students will be playing competitive sport in one of the 54 championships organized by the body, covering 30 different sports.

Tom Jones, the chairman of the Loughborough Students Rugby Club and the senior undergraduate tutor at the university, thinks the growth of minority sports has been one of the main changes over the last five years. "One of the main growth areas has been in women's sport. We have three England hockey players and a former world trampolining champion in our PE department," he said.

The 'Sport for all' philosophy is also found at East Anglia, one of the newer Redbricks, whose cricket fields have produced Mike Garnham, of Leicestershire, and David East, of Essex, and who are champions of sports as diverse as powerlifting and women's football.

Only one cloud darkens the clear horizon of university sport: shortage of money.

TOMORROW

The financing and the future of university sport

Turley passes final with distinction

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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Jonathan Canning was not first choice as Durham University's stand-off half at the beginning of this season but yesterday he enhanced the efforts of his forwards by kicking the five penalty goals which won the Universities Athletic Union final (their first title since 1983 and their eighth in all), against Bristol University at Twickenham.

It was a far from romantic scoreline, five penalties to two, and it was a far from romantic match save for the Durham pack, who dominated proceedings. They not only took advantage at the set-pieces, they prevented Bristol winning the loose ball with which they must have hoped to launch Webb and Perkins.

Turley, in particular, caught the eye. Like Canning, he has a Surrey background and if, his programmed interest — sitting exams — is as acute as his eye for a loose ball he should have little difficulty when he comes to take his geography finals. It must have broken Bristol hearts the number of times their players went into the tackle with the ball, only for it to emerge on the other side.

Bristol had the encouragement of early points in their bid to win their first UAU title since 1972. Webb kicked two careful penalties — the first a long effort from 42 metres — but already the Bristol pack was giving ground and Durham's lineout was beginning to function well, Christian in the middle making some handsome catches.

Canning had taken a ranging shot with a dropped-goal attempt and when his forwards forced an offside at a set scrum he kicked the goal. Durham mauled their way back to the Bristol line and, at a five-metre scrum, forced the collapse from which Canning kicked his second.

It was Turley who, wrenching himself away from a lineout, began the move which forced Pedlow into a try-saving tackle on the elusive little Harris, who slipped through Webb's initial effort. Nevertheless, from that position Webb tried to run the ball out, was caught and Bristol were penalized — harshly, I thought — for Canning to give his side the lead.

His fourth penalty gave Durham a 12-6 half-time advantage. Neither back division was able to escape a tight midfield embrace, though Carling's ability to stand up in the tackle remained obvious; equally, Bristol, when they had reasonable ball to play with, took the pace off their own movements by delayed transference from stand-off. By the time their forwards had found their way into the game, however, they were 15-6 down. Canning's final penalty coming from a midfield ruck.

O'Shea did his considerable best to reverse the lineout count against Bristol and a couple of midfield moves which brought Perkins off his wing bore promise but came too far from the Durham line to be effective. Perkins had Bristol's best try-scoring opportunity when he intercepted on his own 10-metre line but, unlike Philipe Sella, of France, on the same ground last month, he could not escape the cover of Carling, whose ankle tap threw him off balance and the chance was gone.

SCORERS: Bristol University: Penalties: Webb (2). Durham University: Penalties: Canning (5).

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY: J Webb (RGS Newcastle); J Perkins (Sherborne), M Pedlow (Methodist College, Belfast), H Jewkes-Fellows (Gordonstoun, captain), T Hawkes (Christ College, Brecon); M Walker (Edinburgh Academy), S Pinder (Hymers College); R Tice (Sherborne), A Baldwin (Colle's), B McConnell (Coleraine Al), C Petit (Royal Lann), A Sibbald (Wellington College), K O'Shea (St Edward's, Liverpool), S Swales (Kingstondge CS), T Jones (Cranleigh).

DURHAM UNIVERSITY: J Squire (Rugby); I Elliott (Orchia), W Carling (Sedburgh), A Farley (North Berwick HS), R Harris (Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree); J Canning (RGS Guildford), R Taylor (Oundle); J Close (Hymers College), R Basham (Bradford GS), A Mollitis (Dulwich College, captain), F Peart (Sedburgh), M White (Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I, Leicester), S Christian (Connor's Quay), J Turley (Cranleigh), D Brown (Tonbridge).

Referee: R Quittenton (London).

CRICKET

Runs hard to get as tempers flare up

From Qamar Ahmed
Ahmedabad

Pakistan's slow batting dominated an ill-tempered opening day's play in the fourth Test match at the Gujarat Stadium when Pakistan crawled to just 130 for four off 86 overs.

The ill feeling between the teams was never far below the surface and flared up when Younis Ahmed, the Pakistan batsman, and Sunil Gavaskar, one of several Indian fielders unhappy at the refusal of an appeal for a catch, had to be separated by the umpires as they threatened to come to blows.

The match was also held up for six minutes because of the crowd moving behind one of the sightscreens, but they could perhaps be excused for not concentrating on the play.

Anticipating that the wicket may turn India left out Arun Lal and played four spinners — Ravi Shastri, Maninder Singh, Shivlal Yadav and Gopal Sharma — who kept the batsmen quiet for most of the day.

Pakistan — leaving out the injured Javed Miandad and the ill Tauseef Ahmed — called up the hard-hitting Manzoor Elahi and the spinners, Abdul Qadir and Ijaz Faqih.

Despite winning the toss Pakistan lost the advantage when Salim Yousuf, their makeshift opener, was stumped by More off Amarnath for two, in the fourth over of the day.

Kapil Dev soon brought on his battery of spinners and was immediately rewarded when Rizwan-us-Zaman was caught at silly point by Kapil off Maninder Singh for five. The cricket, however, was dull as Pakistan managed to score only 44 in 32 overs before lunch.

In the afternoon Younis and Salim Malik took the score onto 83 for three, after Ramiz Raja had been bowled by Kapil Dev for 41. Younis's slow but patient knock of 40 came to an end soon after tea when, attempting a big hit off Yadav, he was stumped by More. Manzoor Elahi then added a bit of much-needed sparkle by getting off the mark with a thundering drive for four off Yadav sweeping him for another in his next over.

The spectators, however, jeered the batsmen as they returned to the pavilion, but it was not, however, the lowest day's total in Test cricket. That remains the 95 runs in the match between Pakistan and Australia in Karachi in 1957, when both sides batted and 12 wickets fell. The lowest first-day score with only one side batted was when India made 117 for fiveagainst Australia in Madras in 1956.

PAKISTAN: First innings

Ramiz Raja b Kapil Dev	41
†Salim Yousuf st More b Amarnath	2
Rizwan-Uz-Zaman c Kapil Dev b Maninder	5
Younis Ahmed st More b Yadav	40
Salim Malik not out	17
Manzoor Elahi not out	19
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 1)	6
Total (4 wkts)	130

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-33, 3-82, 4-99

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 13-4-20-1, Amarnath 5-2-6-1, Maninder 27-14-33-1, Sharma 16-6-15-0, Yadav 16-3-36-1, Shastri 9-3-15-0.

*Imran Khan, Ijaz Faqih, Abdul Qadir, Wasim Akram and Iqbal Qasim to bat.

INDIA: S M Gavaskar, K Srikkanth, M Amarnath, D B Vengsarkar, M Azharuddin, R J Shastri, *Kapil Dev, †K S More, S Yadav, Maninder Singh, Gopal Sharma.

Umpires: Ram Babu Gupta and S Ramachandra Rao.

'Rebels' play

Sydney (AP) — John Dyson, Steve Rixon and Steve Smith, members of the 'rebel' Australian team which toured South Africa, will be eligible to play club cricket in Sydney next season, the New South Wales Cricket Association announced yesterday. However, the three-year Test ban on Kim Hughes, the captain, and other members of the touring party, will not expire until the 1988-89 season.

Richards will be reported for 'taunting' umpire

From Richard Streeton, Auckland, New Zealand

Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, is to be reported to the New Zealand Cricket Council for verbal abuse directed at one of theumpires, Fred Goodall, during the second Test match, which West Indies won here on Tuesday. The complaint will be made by Dave Elder, the New Zealand team manager, who will quote several instances when his batsmen heard Richards taunting Goodall and using bad language.

Goodall is known to have talked with Robert Vance, the New Zealand council's chairman, about Richards' attitude on Sunday night after the third day's play. At that time Goodall stressed he was not making an official complaint. Vance is believed to have spoken with Steve Camacho, the West Indies manager, but the atmosphere on the field, apparently, did not change.

The officials of both countries have been desperately trying to ensure a trouble-free tour, following several notorious incidents during the 1979-80 visit here by West Indies under Clive Lloyd. They had hoped that the present row could be smoothed over behind the scenes.

Yesterday Vance said Goodall's official umpires report on the match had not yet been received but if the umpire had been abused, he would expect the report to contain details. Whether Goodall complains or not about Richards' behaviour, the New Zealand council will have to be seen to take notice now that Elder had made his own allegations public.

Elder, a retired schoolmaster, said yesterday: "I am disturbed by what went on and intend to put it all in my tour report to the council. My players who heard some of Richards' comments were pretty annoyed. They said it went beyond even the normally acceptable bounds of sledging."

Neither Camacho nor Richards would comment yesterday from Napier. Tomorrow the touring team start a three-day game with a Shell XI, made up primarily by players on the fringe of Test selection. The third and final Test match starts in Christchurch next Thursday.

The umpires are being announced on Sunday but I understand that even before yesterday's storm broke, Goodall was not due to stand again. He is, however, expected to be one of the umpires in two of the four one-day internationals which follow the Test series.

Goodall, who seven years ago was barged by Croft in the worst incident of the West Indies tour, is 48, a schoolteacher and is New Zealand's senior umpire with 23 Tests behind him. Richards missed the 1979-80 tour but was unable to hide his dismay when he learned of Goodall's appointment for the Auckland Test. Richards said at the time that he did not feel it "made" for good relationships.

The rest of the West Indies side behaved well during the match, or at least no worse than any other team does these days. From the stands it was not always possible to gauge the tone of the numerous exchanges Richards had with Goodall. He regularly spoke to him after several umpiring decisions and often Goodall did not appear to reply. In particular Richards seemed put out more than once when the umpires took the players off, usually quite justifiably, for bad light or drizzle. Between them these brought numerous interruptions and hampered West Indies' prospects of victory.

Richards also spoke to Goodall after several leg before appeals by West Indies were rejected. The New Zealand team, I gather, suspect that Goodall's confidence became shakier as the match progressed. The New Zealanders blame this for three debatable decisions Goodall gave against them on the final day.

Richards, who is 35 on Saturday, intends to play against the Shell XI in an attempt to find his form, which has been uneven in recent weeks. Patrick Patterson, who has arrived as Michael Holding's replacement, will also be in the West Indian team. Garner has taken longer than hoped to throw off the chest infection that kept him out of the second Test. He hopes to play tomorrow to prove his fitness.

TCCB cover-up could be exposed this year

By Alan Lee

The loud and impassioned pleas of cricket folk for the return of uncovered pitches are likely to be answered at today's spring meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board.

Since 1981, when the change was made to fully covered pitches, there has been an increasingly widespread view that specialist bowling skills, especially those of the slow bowler, have been retarded.

Today at Lord's, however, the Board's cricket committee will present a recommendation for a return to uncovered pitches in Britannic Assurance championship games, though only during the hours of play.

Alan Smith, the Board's chief executive, explained last night: "The proposal is relevant to the 1987 season only. As from next year, the structure of the championship will alter to accommodate some four-day cricket and playing conditions for that will not be discussed until the autumn."

Other recommendations likely to win applause include awarding championship bonus points only for bowling this year, and the appointment of Mickey Stewart, who has been widely acclaimed for his background part in the retention of the Ashes, as England's cricket manager for the next three years.

One item which is not on the meeting's agenda, but may very well be debated, is the attitude of other Test-playing countries to the annual winter exodus to South Africa by upwards of 50 English county players. It is believed this could threaten the World Cup later this year.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Dentists divide patent

By John Goodbody

Credit for the invention of the famous glowing ball, which can revolutionize the televising of squash, has been divided between two dentists, who both claimed they should have the sole rights.

The Patent Office, in a 15-page judgement, reported yesterday that both men, Michael Godin and Bill Christie, a director in the company Viziball Limited, were responsible for different features of the ball.

Christie said: "It is a stalemate, a draw. We are considering our position. It is now a matter of negotiation between the parties." The ball, which has dimples like a golf ball, reflects a special directional lighting beam, like cats eyes, when car headlights shine on them. It has been the key for the televising of squash, which previously had been hampered by difficulties in picking up an ordinary black or white ball, sometimes travelling at 150 miles per hour.

The Patent Office decided that Godin had the idea of retroflectors but that Christie, who once worked at Godin's practice, was responsible for recessing the reflective material. Colin James, a partner in Viziball, said: "Both Viziball and Godin can make the balls themselves by hand. But if we want to sell the idea to a big manufacturers, like Dunlop, then we would have to involve Godin every step of the way."

Godin commented that a patent would now have to be granted for a partnership to proceed.

BOBSLEIGHING

Britons asked to help with the World Cup

Calgary — The re-emergence of Britain as a major bobsleigh nation has been reflected in the appointment of Simon Strong and Anthony Burghersh, both directors of the British Bobsleigh Association, to a new three-man World Cup committee (Chris Moore writes).

The committee, which also includes Robert Storey, the president of the Canadian Association, has as its priority the task of attracting sponsors and increasing the importance of the World Cup series.

At present, a congested calendar leads to a marked imbalance in competition. At Lake Placid two weeks ago only five nations took part, while, in contrast, a record 23 nations are in Calgary this week to preview next year's Olympic venue.

GOLF

Norman shoots down rivals

From John Ballantine, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

"Hey, Deane, where are all the Americans?" Greg Norman, the Open champion, shouted playfully as he spotted the small, dark-suited figure of the commissioner of the US Tour among the gallery here at the Honda Classic.

It was one of the Australian's typically raucous jokes but it must have bit deeper than he realized. Norman was referring to the fact that in a 'shoot-out' watched by 8,000 at the Tournament players stadium course at Eagle Trace, only he and Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, of the original 10 starters, were left.

Deane Beman, however, may have ruefully seen in Norman's wisecrack a reflection of the fact that by far the most popular players on his circuit this season, discounting the evergreen Jack Nicklaus, have been Norman himself and Severiano Ballesteros. Partly because he was playing in areas with large Mexican and Hispanic populations, the Spaniard took with him the vast majority of the gallerys in San Diego, Los Angeles and Miami, while Norman, the world No.1 golfer, with his incandescent blond thatch, attracts spectators like moths wherever he plays. Both men personify excitement, power, thrills and iron-fisted determination: qualities and traits the tour desperately needs.

Add to this the fact that Nicklaus, surely the most influential figure in the game today, came down strongly at Miami in favour of letting the leading world players, perhaps the top 10, play whenever and wherever they choose, providing sponsors want to invite them — which, of course, they all do.

Such a policy would mean Ballesteros playing in the 10 or 12 events he has said he would like to play in over here and would end Beman's rule that all foreigners must play in 15 events at least to keep their card. As there is no chance of this happening, unless it can be "arranged" — like Langer's immigration problem.

Yesterday's golf in the shoot-out tournament provided the usual excellent hors d'oeuvres to the feast. The tournament is free to enter in what the local inhabitants proudly refer to as "our golf week".

After some wonderful and rather more serious play than usual, Ray Floyd, the US Open champion, Langer and Norman were the final three remaining. They were then put in a bunker behind the green about 20 yards from the hole. Floyd hit first and the crowd roared as he exploded to nine inches. It shouted even louder as the German, next up, actually holed his shot and showed uncharacteristic emotion by executing a two-step in the sand.

"Follow that, Greg," fans yelled at Norman. The Australian, who had just returned from a triumphant tour of his native country, joked back but all grew dead quiet as he shuffled into his address. Out splashed the ball, incredibly to within two inches. "This was major league stuff," Floyd commented later. "I hit a one thousand to one shot and still got beat." Norman later went on to win the shoot-out at the 18th where Langer missed a par putt of five feet.

REAL TENNIS

Double joy for Cambridge

Cambridge achieved a 2-0 lead in the University match against Oxford at Lord's yesterday when they took both doubles rubbers (William Stephens writes).

Bill Fairbarns and David St George combined well to defeat Jonathan Jee and Patrick Lewis 6-3, 6-3, 6-8, while Andrew Page, the Cambridge captain, and Mark Howard scored a 6-0, 6-2, 6-1 victory over John Crocker and Charles Hall. The singles matches will be played today.

RESULTS: Cambridge 2, Oxford 0 (Cambridge names first): W M Fairbarns (Wellington and Magdalene) and D A J St George (Eton and Trinity) bt J N Gee (Radley, Brasenose) and Wykeham Hall) and P Lewis (Eton and Christ Church) 6-3, 6-8, 6-3; A J W Page (Lancing and Jesus) and M C Howard (Gresham's and Magdalene) bt J M Crocker (Winchester and Hertford) and C E R M Hall (Winchester and Brasenose) 6-0, 6-2, 6-1

Brand to confirm African mastery

From a Special Correspondent, Lusaka

The Zambian Open championship, which forms the last leg of this shorter-than-usual African Safari tour, starts today in Lusaka with a profusion of new faces among the British professional contingent. This is the place to spot a future Sandy Lyle, although many of this year's newcomers will probably struggle to earn a crust.

The Open, played on a green and fiercely-demanding 7,258-yard course, has long been a breeding ground for Europe's best, notably Lyle, Bernhard Langer, Howard Clark and the dour Yorkshireman, Gordon J. Brand, who won the Zimbabwe Open two weeks ago and lost in a four-man play-off for the Kenya title last Sunday.

Brand, who finished runner-up to Greg Norman in the Open championship at Turnberry last July, has proved a master of African conditions, having won five opens on the continent.

Nobody in Lusaka is looking beyond him for the Zambian title, although a few exciting young players have been challenging these past two weeks, including Mark Roe, Andrew Murray and Lee Jones.

On this Safari tour, the veterans have been evident, most notably Brian Barnes — who has been the best supporter of African golf in the last 20 years — Tommy Horton, Malcolm Gregson and even Brian Huggett at last week's tournament in Nairobi.

Barnes, the man who beat Jack Nicklaus twice in one day during the 1975 Ryder Cup matches at Laurel Valley, says this could be his last professional tournament.

Zambia's unpredictable economy means it has become increasingly difficult to raise the 1.3 million kwacha (£75,000) needed to stage the championship; this year's has only been possible because of the support of the country's golf-loving president, Dr Kenneth Kaunda.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

BASS IRISH CUP: First round replay: Bangor v Tobermore (3.0).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Sheffield Wednesday; Everton v Liverpool; Oldham v Nottingham Forest (6.30). Second division: Bolton v Rotherham; Darlington v Barnsley.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich v Charlton (2.0).

BASKETBALL

BRITISH MASTERS: First elimination round: BPCC Rams Derby v Oldham Celtics TVS (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: Monarflex World professional championship (at Albert Hall, Bolton, 2.0 and 7.0).
BOWLS: English women's indoor championship (at Northampton).
SQUASH RACKETS: International tour match: Yorkshire v Canada (at Huddersfield, 7.0).
TENNIS: Peart's North East open championship (at Top Spin Centre, Teesside, 2pm).

SPORT ON TV

GOLF: International pro-celebrity, BBC2, 6.50pm.

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FOOTBALL

Taylor urges Barnes to resist the lure of the Continent

By Clive White

Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, last night doubted whether a transfer to Italy would help the England career of John Barnes, who was placed on the transfer list on Tuesday. Taylor said: "I think if he went to a leading club in this country he would have a greater chance of becoming a regular member of the England side."

Taylor said that he would prefer to face Barnes as an opponent for Manchester United, Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur or Arsenal than see him follow the route of Luther Blissett, his Watford colleague, to Italy. "I've seen a number of players who have been abroad and I don't see them as better players because of their experience attained there. What I do see them as is wealthier young men. I wish a few of them would be more honest about it as Ray Wilkins was recently."

Taylor admitted that the club would be considerably better off financially if Barnes joined an English club but says that this is not the only reason for his opposition to such a move. If Barnes does go abroad, and AC Milan and Fiorentina are the front runners for his signature, Watford can expect to receive, under UEFA rules governing the movement of players between countries, £450,000, a figure that Taylor considers a "measly return at today's prices."

An English club could be expected to be asked a fee of about £1 million for Barnes, capped 28 times by his country and one of the most naturally talented players to emerge in recent years. UEFA operate a transfer system whereby a player's basic salary, bonuses, and international appearance money is multiplied by a figure which depends upon the player's age, which in the case of Barnes who is 23, would be 10.

Foreign clubs can take a fourth financial factor into account, namely advertisement money earned through the club. But that system of advertisement earning does not operate in this country.

Taylor said that he warned Watford supporters when Barnes signed his present contract nearly three years ago that it would probably be his last for the club. Barnes has turned down an offer of a new contract by Watford, believed to be £1,000 a week, which Taylor described the most ever offered to any Watford player. "There is no acrimony. I have known the boy since he was 16. I knew that it would always come to this. It's just I would like to see the footballing talent of this country remain in this country."

● West Ham United's midfield player, Alan Devonshire is to see a specialist about a thigh injury which has forced him out of three of the last four games. Devonshire is also likely to miss Saturday's match against Charlton Athletic at Selhurst Park.

Alvin Martin is to have the plaster removed from his foot following an operation, and Paul Hilton also comes out of plaster this week

Bolder paves the way to Wembley

Bob Bolder made one of the most valuable saves of his career against Everton on Tuesday night and gave the first division strugglers, Charlton Athletic, a great chance of reaching Wembley later this month.

After Charlton had held the League leaders 2-2 after extra time in their Full Members' Cup quarter-final at Goodison Park, the penalty shoot-out stood at 5-5 when Bolder kept out a shot from Pointon. The substitute, Stuart, stepped up to hit the decider past Southall, earning Charlton a home semi-final against Norwich City.

The holders, Chelsea, will not be returning to Wembley because of a 3-0 drubbing at Blackburn Rovers. Curry, Garner and Miller were on target to give Blackburn a semi-final with Ipswich Town.

Injury-hit West Bromwich Albion face the loss of the forward, Garth Crooks, through suspension after his dismissal in the 1-0 defeat at Ipswich in the second division. Crooks was sent off after a 59th minute clash with Atkins, the Ipswich captain. Brennan, the Ipswich midfield player, scored the 22nd-minute winner. Ipswich's win puts them within seven points of third-placed Oldham Athletic, but Birmingham City lost ground when they squandered a two-goal lead at Huddersfield Town.

It was bonanza night for the third division leaders, Bournemouth, who collected club-record gate receipts of £38,500 from a 13,835 crowd who saw them beat second-placed Middlesbrough 3-1 at Dean Court, sending them six points clear. Notts County moved up with a 5-2 win over Newport County, Swindon, 3-0 winners at York City, and Bristol City, 3-1 conquerors of Blackpool, also stayed well in the promotion hunt.

In the fourth division, Southend United went down 2-1 at struggling Torquay United, while Wolverhampton Wonderers made it six games without defeat by beating Colchester 2-0 at Molineux.

Yesterday's results

EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg: Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 4, Real Madrid (Sp) 2. Postponed: Besiktas Istanbul (Tur) v Dynamo Kiev (USSR).
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg: Lokomotiv Leipzig (EG) 2, Sion (Switz) 0. Postponed: Malmoe FF (Swe) v Ajax Amsterdam (Neth).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 0, Fulham 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Bolton v Rotherham; Port Vale v Scunthorpe.
FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL (Ankara): Turkey 1, Romania 3.
OTHER MATCH: Leicester University 0, Keele University 1.

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UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Bristol 6, Durham 15.
OTHER MATCHES: Cambridge University 18, Anti-Assassins 18; Aston University 28, Lanchester Polytechnic 10.

Napoli will not release Maradona

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – Diego Maradona, the Argentinian captain, and Jorge Burruchaga, scorer of the goal that won the World Cup, will not be available for their country's international match in Italy, against club side Roma, on March 19.

Argentina's coach, Carlos Bilardo, said last night that Napoli – currently top of the Italian league and chasing their first title – would not release Maradona and that Nantes' commitments in the French first division also ruled out Burruchaga.

Bilardo also said he had also practically given up hope of obtaining the release of Jorge Valdano, of Real Madrid, but he is still confident he can call on three others from his European-based World Cup squad members – Burruchaga's team mate at Nantes, Julio Olarticoechea; Jose Luis Brown, of the French club, Brest, and Pedro Pasculli, of the Italian second division side Lecce.

The tour squad for Argentina's first game since winning the World Cup in Mexico will include eight home-based World Cup squad members and several newcomers.

Bilardo has said he must start from scratch to prepare to defend the world title in Italy in 1990.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Thugs are read riot act

A stark warning has been issued to the thugs who are disgracing rugby union. Gloucestershire's reputation for on-the-field violence is one of the worst in the country, the county disciplinary secretary, Bob Ellis said, yesterday and he vowed to deal more severely with players who misbehave.

"Suspensions are going to get longer," he said. "We are already having to schedule extra disciplinary meetings because of the sheer volume of players reported. It's a disgrace and it looks certain to get worse."

Test for Sella

The French centre, Philippe Sella, who suffered a thigh injury while playing for his club, Agen, on Sunday, will face a fitness test today to decide if he can play in Saturday's Five Nations Rugby Union international against Scotland here.

Hulme is out

Paul Hulme, the Widnes forward, has been forced to withdraw through a damaged shoulder from the Great Britain Rugby League Under-21 team for the game against France at St Jean de Luz on Sunday. Dean Mountain, the Castleford forward, has been brought into the party as one of the substitutes.
TEAM: C Webb (Featherstone), P Eastwood (Hull), D Wright (Widnes), P Loughlin (St Helens), K McCormack (St Helens), P Bishop (Warrington), S Edwards (Wigan, captain), A Dannett (Hull), M Dermott (Wigan), N Puckering (Hull), G Sanderson (Warrington), P Medley (Leeds), G Divorty (Hull). Substitutes: M Ford (Leigh), D Mountain (Castleford).

First sponsor

The Lawn Tennis Association's spring circuit, a four-week series of hard court tournaments from April 21 to May 16, will have an overall sponsor for the first time. Hi-Tec Sports, the sports shoe manufacturers, announced yesterday that they were backing the circuit for the first time with £15,000.

All American

An all-American team will officiate in the Davis Cup tennis first round tie between Mexico and Britain from March 13 to 15. The referee is Vic Seixas, the 1953 Wimbledon men's singles champion, and the umpires are Ron Bennett and Jay Schneider.

Four banned

Four members of France's national weightlifting team have been banned for refusing to undergo surprise dope tests last week and will miss this year's world championships.

SKIING

Howden deals golden blow for junior Britain

By Michael Coleman

Ron Howden, aged 19 and still a junior, took the gold medal for Britain by winning the 15-kilometre freestyle race yesterday from a field of 270 competitors at the Lowlanders championships at Isny, West Germany.

Last year's leading Lowlanders racer, Eric Vaurs, of France, seemed to have the event sewn up with the fastest time at the 12km point but Howden put in a storming finish to win by 28 seconds in 46min 29sec.

John Spotswood, winner of the 30km in apalling weather on Monday, and Ewan Mackenzie acked up Howden strongly, taking third and fourth places. Spotswood's victory against 100 other racers was the first gold medal won by a Briton at these championships.

Princess Anne, the president of the British Olympic Association, watched yesterday's racing. The British are favourites to win today's 4 x 10km freestyle relay.

RESULTS: 15km freestyle: R Howden, 46min 29secs; 2, E Vaurs (Fr), 46:57; 3, J Spotswood, 47:07; 4, E Mackenzie, 47:31. 30km classical: 1, Spotswood, 1hr 30min 36.4sec. British placings: 4, J Lixsen, 1:36:04.1; 5, Howden, 1:37:39.3; 7, P Winterton, 1:39:5.3; 10, A Wylie, 1:39:36.7.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Players say no to pay

Bradford Northern players, including the former Welsh Rugby Union player, Terry Holmes, will play without pay in Sunday's home match against Hull KR. They made their offer to the Board at the meeting called to discuss the side's recent slump, which culminated in a 60-6 defeat at Wigan last Sunday – the club's worst defeat in a league game for more than 50 years. After being second in the table in November, Northern lie tenth after a run of nine successive league defeats.

Jack Bates, the chairman, said: "We have had a tough programme but the players readily admit that the results are just not good enough and that a vast improvement is needed. Everyone at the club feels we owe something to the fans, and the players volunteered to play for nothing, an offer which was appreciated and accepted by the board."

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FULL MEMBERS' CUP: Blackburn 3, Chelsea 0; Everton 2, Charlton 2 (aet, score at full-time; 2-2, Charlton win 6-5 on penalties).
SECOND DIVISION: Barnsley 2, Shrewsbury 1; Huddersfield 2, Birmingham 2; Hull 1, Sunderland 0; Ipswich 1, WBA 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Bolton 0, Brentford 2; Bournemouth 3, Middlesbrough 1; Bristol City 3, Blackpool 1; Carlisle 0, Wigan 2; Chesterfield 1, Gillingham 0; Darlington 1, Bristol Rovers 1; Fulham 0, Doncaster 0; Mansfield 0, Rotherham 0; Notts County 5, Newport 2; Port Vale 2, Bury 0; York 0, Swindon 3.
FOURTH DIVISION: Aldershot 1, Hereford 0; Cardiff 0, Halifax 0; Crewe 0, Cambridge 0; Torquay 2, Southend 1; Tranmere 2, Lincoln 0; Wolverhampton 2, Colchester 0; Wrexham 1, Scunthorpe 1. Postponed: Rochdale v Swansea.
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Dunfermline 2, Montrose 0; Partick 1, Kilmarnock 2.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion 3, St Johnstone 4.
FRIENDLY: Valencia 0, Leicester City 1.
ROADFERRY IRISH LEAGUE CUP: First round: Glentoran 2, Royal Ulster Constabulary 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 2, Newcastle 1; Sheffield Wed 2, Manchester United 1. Second division: Bradford 6, Barnsley 0; Grimsby 1, Stoke 1; Preston 0, West Bromwich Albion 3.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 3, Norwich City 3; Portsmouth 1, Southampton 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 2, Weymouth 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1, Aylesbury 2; Crawley 4, Gosport 2; Dudley 0, Fareham 2; Folkestone 1, Cambridge City 1; Redditch 0, Bromsgrove 3; Witney 2, Willenhall 0. Midland division: Halesowen 2, VS Rugby 2; Leamington 3, Banbury Utd 0; Moor Green 0, Merthyr Tydfil 4; Rushden 2, Sutton Coldfield 1. Southern division: Dorchester 2, Tonbridge 1; Gravesend 3, Erith and Belvedere 2; Trowbridge 1, Andover 1; Canterbury 2, Dover 0. Bill Dellow Cup: Third round replay: Postponed: Chatham v Woodford.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 4, Slough 0; Hayes 3, Tooting and Mitcham 1. First division: Basildon United 1, Maidenhead United 1; Leytonstone Ilford 2, Southwick 1; Leyton Wingate 3, Uxbridge 0; Staines 1, Leatherhead 1; Tilbury 3, Lewes 0. Second division north: Clapton 1, Collier Row 0; Hanngey Borough 0, Heybridge Swifts 2; Wolverton 3, Hornchurch 0. Second division south: Camberley 0, Egham 1; Dorking 1, Marlow 1; Hungerford 0, Horsham 2; Southall 2, Chalfont St Peter 1.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final: Kingstonian 1, Welling United 0.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Goole 0, Horwich 0; Marine 2, Worksop 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Macclesfield 2, Mossley 0. Third round: Barrow 2, Gainsborough 3; Southport 0, Burton 1.
BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Ely 0, Haverhill 1; Harwich 1, Braintree 3; Lowestoft 0, Yarmouth 0; Newmarket 0, Gorleston 3; Sudbury 2, Felixstowe 0; Watton 0, March 1; Wisbech 2, Histon 0.
ESSEX THAMES-SIDE CHALLENGE TROPHY: First round: Orient 1, Raynham Town 0 (aet).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 1, Territorial Army 2; London Spartan League 2, Benskins South Midlands League 0.
CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Wealdstone 2.
RUR CHARITY CUP: Final: Eastbourne Town 1, Arundel 0.
BEDFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Final: Ashcroft Co-op 0, Dunstable 4.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Oratory 4, Harrow 3.

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CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale 42, Penarth 7; Harrogate 16, Royal Air Force 16; South Wales Police 4, Neath 11; Tiverton 18, Avon and Somerset Police 25.
MIDLAND MERIT TABLE: Moseley 53, Birmingham 3.
MIDDLESEX UNDER 19 CUP: Final: London Oratory 22, William Ellis 0.

BOXING: PROBLEMS FOR ANDRIES'S CHALLENGER

The 'Hit Man' hits the deck

From Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
Detroit

Thomas Hearns shocked his supporters the other day when he was sent sprawling while sparring with a young Texan cruiserweight called Clarence Osby. The startling commotion of the crowd in the lobby of the Hotel Pontchartrain died instantly and resumed only when Hearns jumped up and started clapping and motioning the crowd to give Osby a big hand.

It was only a flash knockdown but the credibility of the former world welterweight and light-middleweight champion's challenge for Dennis Andries's World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title on Saturday had taken a blow.

Even though Osby weighed 13st 13lb, compared to the British champion's 12st 7lb, there were many in the crowd who had serious doubts about whether their hero could be the first middleweight since Dick Tiger, who beat Jose Torres in 1966, to lift the world light-heavyweight title, never mind other feats such as being the twelfth man to win three titles or the first welterweight champion to clear successfully the huge gap between the divisions.

The Detroit 'Hit Man', however, has put the record straight since. At the end of his final sparring session, after a sharp exchange, Osby looked like a man who was standing atop the San Andreas fault on a bad day. The crowd loved it.

Hearns did not deny afterwards that he had been hurt. "Sure I was hurt. But I was not concentrating and I dropped my hands. I won't make mistakes like that when I am fighting for real. My mind will be too sharp. You can't take shots like that from the big guys. Andries is a very strong individual. He throws a right hand like a crazy man."

Hearns, who relies on the incredible speed of his hands, admitted that he had been having trouble with that devastating right hand of his.

"It's been broken seven times in fights," he said. "The last time against Hagler when I hit him in the first round. But then I began to give the matter a lot of thought, wondering why I kept breaking my wrist.

"I realized it had something to do with the way I was punching. In trying for a quick start I was not tightening up my wrist. I have learned to keep it straight now and it's real solid when I hit but I won't be the hit man on Saturday, though I believe in taking chances when I see one going."



The biter bit: Hearns yearns for the upright days of old

Yesterday, as he wound down with speed work on the bag, he was wearing reinforced bandages going six inches up his wrists. He did not use hooks or the overhand right. He just punched straight and fast.

Andries's American trainer, Ken Bogner, believes the knockdown by Osby is a sign that Hearns's two defeats in 45 contests – by Leonard and Hagler, the first going 14 rounds, the second three – are beginning to have their effect, especially the Hagler bout in 1985.

Hearns could be just over the top, though there are no outward physical signs of it except that he seems to have more and more trouble winning inside the distance as his opponents get bigger and bigger.

From the way he spoke of the future and the past, especially the good old days, there seemed to be signs that he is growing weary of campaigning. Sitting on a couch with his long legs stretching away from him like the M1 and his slender fingers picking at the bandages, he said he would retire next March after one more contest.

"I would like to be the first man to win four titles. I am very glad Andries has come here to give me this chance. After that I will go back to middleweight. I really want to fight Hagler but I will fight anyone – like your Herol Graham. Then I will retire. I have enough money."

As he talked about the past there seemed to be a longing for the days he could spend with his family and friends, lounge in his glove-shaped pool, play video games or shoot baskets with his buddies.

"Those were great years," he said. "We know we all age. We've all got to get older. I think about the younger years, when I was younger and smaller, and it's a great feeling. Things were a helluva lot less complicated.

"I was just trying to get my career going. I knew how bad I wanted to be somebody and make a name for myself. I cherish those days, they're something to think about. I know they were great to me. I think about them a lot."

It is dangerous for a boxer to look longingly on the days from which they never come back.

RUGBY UNION

Penguins win a fun game

By Gordon Allan

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If rugby is less about winning than about free running and enjoyment – and there are times when you could doubt it – then 30 players had a whale of a time at Iffley Road yesterday. In the first fixture between the two clubs, the Penguins surprisingly beat Oxford University by (and here take a deep breath) eight goals and three tries to four goals, three tries and two penalty goals.

The Penguins are a wandering invitation side of no fixed abode and they wandered all over the pitch to such effect that they were 18 points up in a quarter of an hour and 38-15 ahead at half time, helped by plenty of shadow tackling. It was Oxford, at this stage, who looked the scratch team, although they had eight Blues playing for them.

But Oxford outscored the Penguins in the second half and towards the end tries tumbled out every other minute or so. There is no point in picking out individual tries. They were all good. With so much emphasis on attack and so little on defence, they had to be. In the words of the old song it was foolish but fun – great fun.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Tries: Galley (2), Furnival (2), Mullin, Vessey, Chislett. Conversions: Galley (4). Penalties: Galley (2). Penguins: Tries: Offiah (4), Court (2), Jones, Castle, Rees, Turner, Nibbs. Conversions: Turner (5).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *R Vessey (Magdalen CS College School and Green), D Woollier (Plymstock and Worcester), *A Duthie (Australian National University and Balliol), *B Mullin (Trinity College, Dublin and University), T Furnival (Millfield and Christchurch), J Galley (Mill Hill and Wadham), S Taylor (Whitgift and University), M Rule (Lichfield and University), *J Chislett (Plymouth College and Keble), N Peacock (Nunthorpe GS and St Edmund Hall), *N McBain (Durham University and St Anne's), C Crase (Pontypool College and St Edmund Hall), J Beck (Radley and St Peters), *S Griffin (Christ College, Brecon and University), *C MacDonald (Diocesan College SA and University).

PENGUINS: L Renwick (London Scottish), M Offiah (Rosslyn Park), D Castle (London Scottish), R Knibbs (Bristol), C Rees (London Welsh), T Turner (Newport), R Stewart (Newport), M Rennie (Rosslyn Park), A Lynch (Hedingensians), P Esseltigh (Blackheath), M Court (Banbury), V Cannon (Northampton), D Crosin (Bath), O Jones (Neath), R Cheval (Old Askeans).
Referee: R James (Leicestershire).
* A Blue.

Cambridge perform a balancing act

By Peter Marson

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Anti-Assassins	18

A fine try by Clough, and Thomas's conversion three minutes before no side, brought Cambridge University a creditable draw in an exciting and entertaining match against Lancashire's Anti-Assassins on a cold, grey day at Grange Road, yesterday.

Assassins' Nigel Melville, had been a veritable jack-in-the-box in the opening quarter, and so it was no surprise when he prompted a move to the short side with Walsh, an excellent stand off half, and Soboyejo exchanging passes before Metcalfe sprinted for the right corner flag and the first try.

Sellers first try for Cambridge, well converted by Thomas, came as a useful boost to their confidence, a fact which had been underlined at half-time when the score was six points all.

SCORERS: Cambridge University: Tries: Sellers (2), Clough. Conversions: Thomas (3). Anti Assassins: Tries: Metcalfe, Cook, Melville. Conversions: Metcalfe (3).
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: P L Beard (Berkhamstead and St John's); M Sellers (Richard Hulsh and Christ's), *K T Wyles (Wymondham and Trinity Hall), *F J Clough (Sir John Rigby and Magdalene), *M D C Thomas (Glowerton and Magdalene); M Pyrgos (Hazelwick School and Magdalene), N Pilgrim (Milford and St John's); *N J Harned (King Henry VIII Coventry and Clare), I W R Singleton (Wycliffe and St John's), J P Freeman (Warwick and St John's), *S R Kelly (Richard Hulsh and Corpus Christie, captain), M Pepper (St Albans and Jesus), *N P Toppling (RGS High Wycombe and St John's), J J Cake (Worthing Sixth Form College and Corpus Christie), *R Wainwright (Glenalmond and Magdalene).
*Denotes a blue.
ANTI-ASSASSINS: I Metcalfe (Moseley); A Beetham (Cambridge University) S Cook (Harlequins) P Johnson (Headingley), N Soboyejo (Cambridge University); D Walsh (London Irish), N Melville (Headingley, capt); P Rideout (Preston Grasshoppers), P Hacker (Waterloo), G Humphreys (Orrell), M Councilley (London Irish), A K Rodgers (Rossiyn Park) M Winfield (Rosslyn Park), T Hyde (Rosslyn Park), M Hale (Liverpool St Helens).
Referee: G Aldrite (Warwickshire).

SNOW REPORTS

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Soldeu	15	50	poor	poor	poor	sun	9
More snow needed							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	45	160	good	powder	icy	fine	-8
Excellent skiing							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	70	170	good	powder	good	cloud	-3
Good skiing above 2000m							
Tignes	150	160	good	powder	good	snow	-10
Very good snow							
Val Thorens	130	245	good	powder	good	snow	-7
Good skiing everywhere							
ITALY							
Sauze d'Oulx	20	60	fair	heavy	closed	fine	-8
More snow needed							
SWITZERLAND							
Gstaad	45	95	good	good	fair	sun	-1
Good skiing							
Klosters	90	200	good	powder	good	cloud	-3
Good skiing on new snow							
St Moritz	65	70	good	varied	good	cloud	-9
Excellent piste skiing							
Verbier	40	190	good	powder	fair	cloud	-1
New snow on good base							
Villars	120	20	good	powder	good	cloud	0
Good skiing on new snow							
Wengen	50	160	good	powder	good	fair	-3
Powder on good base							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: upper runs, runs complete, new snow with many icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, new snow with many icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, surface icy; vertical runs, 1600ft, hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a hard base; lower slopes, some runs complete, new snow on a hard base, vertical runs, 1400ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1300ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear, snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: mainly dry with some bright intervals; Glencoe: rather cloudy with occasional rain, rather cold with fresh or strong southerly winds, freezing level, 1500ft, but lifting to 3500ft at Glencoe. Outlook for tomorrow: mainly cloudy with occasional rain, less cold with strong southerly winds.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

ITALY

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Alleghe	50	200
Andalo	60	200
Aprica	30	200
Arabba	80	150
Bormio	15	90
Canazei	40	130
Cauzoggio	30	110
Cervinia	120	200
Chiesa Valmalenco	10	130
Claviere	30	100
Corbins d'Ampezzo	80	140
Corvara	50	120
Courmayeur	40	200
Falcade	80	150
Fogorido	180	230
La Thuile	30	180
Limone	120	260
Madesimo	70	140
Madonna di Campiglio	100	220
Macugnaga	80	150
Marilleva	100	180
Ornsei	30	120
Pancavallo	180	230
Ravascletto	65	200
S Caterina Valfurva	85	110
S Marmo di Castrozza	50	150
Sappada	60	150
Selva di Valgardena	30	120
Sestriere	70	90
Tonale	50	150
Vipiteno	80	120

● Information supplied by the Italian National Tourist Office.

Doctor's warning

Mark Gardner, Nuneaton's prop forward, has been told that he should retire. A specialist has advised the former Warwickshire colts and under-23 player that he must give up the game or risk ending up in a wheelchair. Gardner, aged 26, who has played over 100 times for Nuneaton, fractured a vertebrae at the top of his neck in a game against Hull and East Riding 18 months ago.

TENNIS

Resolute Wilander ousts Mayotte to reach final eight

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
Key Biscayne, Florida

Rain, the heavy kind that bounces, has interrupted the Lipton international players' championships for the second time in three days. This is the youngest of the five tournaments that last a fortnight and incorporate the traditional two singles and three doubles events. It was working up to an exciting finish but a cloudburst ensured a late start yesterday.

This was particularly perverse because the previous evening a match between Mats Wilander and the 1985 winner, Tim Mayotte, was held up for a while because there was no sawdust to hand. Wilander needed it because the heat and humidity were such that he could not grip his racket properly. He took three hours and 51 minutes to win 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7, 6-4 against a bigger, stronger man, whose powerful game contrasted with Wilander's tidy pertinacity.

The key was probably the third set, in which Wilander was 3-5 down but won the next four games at a cost of only six points. At the same time Steffi Graf was playing an entire match the way Wilander played those four games. She beat Lisa Bonder 6-0, 6-1 in only 36 minutes at a total cost of 25 points. Miss Graf felt sorry for Miss Bonder and the spectators, but business was business.

Those two matches lent clarity to the draws. Miss Graf and Martina Navratilova will meet in one semi-final. The last time they played each other on a hard court, in the United States championships, Miss Graf came within a point of winning. The other semi-final rested on the outcome of two matches scheduled for yesterday: Helena Sukova v Hana Mandlikova and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch v Chris Lloyd.

Going down the draw, the pairings for the men's quarter-finals were Lendl v Berger, Rostagno v Connors, Wilander v Noah, and Mecir v Edberg. Whoever comes through the bottom half will be playing well but suffering, perhaps, from battle fatigue. Stefan Edberg, the Australian Open champion, is playing the best tennis of his life and recently beat Miloslav Mecir in straight sets at Melbourne. That memory was hard to credit as one watched Mecir baffle Slobodan Zivojinovic on Tuesday.

Jay Berger and Derrick Rostagno demand an *aide-mémoire*. Berger, aged 20, is a local man who became a professional last September. On Tuesday he beat Andres Gomez. Rostagno, aged 21, is a Californian of Italian descent. He beat Brad Gilbert to reach the last 16 of the Australian championship and, here at Key Biscayne, had a lucky first round when Boris Becker withdrew because of some intestinal bug.

Jimmy Connors, aged 34, lost only one set in his four matches. He still puts a lot into his tennis because that is the only way he can play. But at his relatively advanced age Connors prefers the short way home rather than the tiring and sweaty scenic route.

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: J Berger (US) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; J Connors (US) bt J Carlsson (Swe), 6-0, 6-1, 6-0; D Rostagno (US) bt R Seguso (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; J Lendl (Cz) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; Y Noah (Fr) bt J Kriek (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6; M Mecir (Cz) bt S Zivojinovic (Yugo), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt Tim Mayotte (US), 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-7, 6-4.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: C Lloyd (US) bt S Reha (US), 6-3, 6-2; H Mandlikova (Cz) bt B Bunge (WG), 6-2, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz), bt L McNeil (US), 5-7, 7-5, 7-5. Quarter-finals: M Navratilova (US) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-1, 6-1; S Graf (WG) bt L Bonder (US), 6-0, 6-1.

ATP appointment reflects new world

From Rex Bellamy

Hamilton Jordan, the chief of staff at the White House during the Carter Administration from 1977 to 1981, is being paid about $250,000 a year (£165,000) as executive director of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), the men's players' union. His appointment to a three-year contract was announced last week.

Jordan, now aged 42, managed Jimmy Carter's campaigns for the governorship of Georgia and the Presidency. Since 1981 Jordan has been an author, lecturer and consultant and has had his own business, in real estate and investment banking. The ATP are flexing their muscles in engaging a man with such a formidable background in politics and business.

Of the five official power groups in professional tennis, all except the International Tennis Federation, are now being run by Americans who moved into their present jobs from politics, business or the law and had little knowledge of international tennis.

Jordan succeeds a former British Davis Cup player, Mike Davies, whose outstanding service to the ATP lay in consolidating the Association's previously shaky finances by attracting corporate sponsorship in return for ATP endorsement of a variety of products.

One of Jordan's main tasks will be marketing, that is, increasing the revenue from corporate sponsorship and, in general, turning the reputation of the ATP into dollars. He will also be the front man in renegotiating the terms of an agreement between the ATP and the governing council of the grand prix circuit. That agreement made the ATP largely independent of the international management companies.

The council have provisionally suggested a new five-year agreement that would grant the ATP pension fund between $2.3 million and $2.7 million a year (about £1.5m and £1.75m), depending on agreed percentages of tournament prize money. Tournament directors understandably resent it.

Last year the ATP in general and Davies in particular campaigned to have the pension fund financed by a percentage of the television revenue at the major championships. The grand slam tournaments were less than lukewarm about the idea. The council's counter-proposal would, if agreed, spread the load over the entire grand prix network. Whether the tournament directors will fall into line is debatable.

HOCKEY

Army march to title

By Sydney Friskin

The Army	2
Royal Air Force	1

After conceding a goal late in the first half, the Army recovered their composure to defeat the Royal Air Force and win the Inter-Services Championship for the fourth successive year at Colchester yesterday.

The RAF improved their work-rate and took the Army by surprise in the 25th minute when Morris capitalized on a mislick by Hudson, the Army goalkeeper, and drove the ball into an empty goal.

It took a splendid save by Hudson, however, to prevent Dykes from increasing the RAF's lead five minutes later from a short corner, before Jennings, at left half, began to stir the Army forwards.

Still, the Army had to wait until 30 seconds before half-time to obtain the equalizer from their fifth short corner. Pappin saved from Jennings with characteristic agility, but Scopes nipped in to score from the rebound.

A more fervent approach early in the second half earned the Army two more short corners and a penalty stroke, which was conceded by Pappin when he obstructed Jolly. Jennings made no mistake from the spot to put the Army ahead after 46 minutes.

The RAF won the under-21 tournament after defeating the Army 2-1 in the morning. Pappin took the trophy for the player of the tournament at senior level and Nick Suller, of the RAF, for the juniors.
THE ARMY: 2nd Lt D Hudson (RA); Maj B Grossmith (RE), 2nd Lt A Jackson (Int)(sub: Lt P Frostick (REME), Sgt I Strachan (RA), Capt I Joly (RA), 2nd Lt S Haslet (Int), Cpl I Jennings (Int), Cpl J Day (RAOC), Capt N Gordon (RA), Lt A Scopes (RE).
RAF: Fl-Lt V Pappin; Sqn Ldr M Old, J/Tech I Barrett, FO S Kimber, Sgt M Dykes, Fl-Lt A Hedley, FO F McLean, SAC P Hart (sub: AC I Wood), Cpl T Slater, Sgt I Clinton, Fl-Lt P Morris (sub: FO N Williams).
Umpires: WO F I Hubber and Fl-Lt M Martin (RAF).
RESULTS: Seniors: Royal Navy 1; RAF 1; Royal Navy 0, Army 2; Army 2, RAF 1. Juniors: RAF 2, Royal Navy 0; Army 1, Royal Navy 1; RAF 2, Army 1.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 109, Indiana Pacers 108; New York Knicks 99, Utah Jazz 86; Chicago Bulls 114, Los Angeles Clippers 80; Los Angeles Lakers 114, Golden State Warriors 109; Portland Trail Blazers 127, Cleveland Cavaliers 122.
UNIVERSITY MATCH: Cambridge University 94 (S Sorensen 23, J Schwartz 18, R Vahsilon 15), Oxford University 87 (M Jones 22, S Mahoney 19).
CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Sharp Manchester United 108 (Balogun 24), Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates 88 (Rivers 23).

BILLIARDS

BOLTON: Monarflex world championship: Quarter-finals: R Edmonds (Eng) 3, P Francisco (SA), 0; M Wildman (Eng) 3, E Charlton (Aus), 1.

BOWLS

NORTHAMPTON: English women's national indoor championships. Trebles. Quarter-finals: Folkestone 9, Spalding 19. Semi-finals: Herts 18, Blackpool Fylde 10. Pairs: First round: York 10, Egham 30, Egerton Park, Sussex 4, Croydon 31; Quarter-finals: Mansfield 12, Aynsley, Hampshire 22; Chelwall, Oxford 27, West Cornwall 12. Singles: First round: K Coles (Falcon) 8, S Franklin (Wisbech, Cambs) 21; A Guy (Tunbridge Wells) 15, M Price (Desborough, Beds) 21; B Carey (Gloucester) 9, P Pearce (Preston, Brighton) 21.

DRESSAGE

DORTMUND: World Cup: (all WG): 1, R Klimke, Adjutant, 1,295pts; 2, M Winter, Charmeur, 1,227.3; K Rehbein, Gillian, 1,209; 4, M Brockel, Feuerstuber, 1,195; 5, M Rassbender, Lascalos, 1,157; 6, A-K Linsenhoff, Gottstrom, 1,156.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 0, Fulham 2.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Marine 2, Worksop 0; Goole 0, Horwich 0.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final: Kingstonian 1, Welling United 0.
UNIVERSITY MATCH: Cambridge University 94 (S Sorensen 23, J Schwartz 18, R Vahsilon 15), Oxford University 87 (M Jones 22, S Mahoney 19).
CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals:

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Paul Henderson

Just a contemporary Fool

● **Bookmark** (BBC2, 8.10pm) offers a sly contrast between Yankee North and gentlemanly South. Spalding Gray is a New Englander who talks incessantly about himself, and his fashionable monologues are now in book form. Gray contends that he is not the solipsistic egocentric critics claim, rather someone sharing himself with his audience: a contemporary *Fool for the middle-classes*. And lest he sound pretentious Gray quickly adds that a psychoanalyst once called him an existential garbage pail, and told him to go home and relax. Ian Hamilton interviews Gray and turns with visible relief to Peter Taylor, a Tennessee writer who shrinks from any kind of self-assertion. He is put forward as his country's best living short story writer. Asked why the body of his work is so slim Taylor replies he is much more interested in renovating ruined houses. But for this he would have written more but wouldn't have had half the fun.

CHOICE

● Two more writers are seen at work in **The Company of Wolves** (Channel 4, 9.00pm). Angela Carter and Neil Jordan collaborated on an amalgamation of two Carter short stories, themselves reworkings of mythical tales. The result, directed by Jordan, is a Freudian *Little Red Riding Hood* for our times. Carter's interest in forms of tale telling is rather buried under potent symbolism and commercial special. The appearance of the film is excessively stylised in the manner of old Hollywood and the visual influences, which are many, include Michael Powell and Hammer horror, and Charles Laughton's *The Night of the Hunter*.

● **40 Minutes** (BBC2, 9.30pm) is the polar opposite of *The Company of Wolves*. *Fire* is firmly rooted in the English tradition of documentary realism. A film crew follows a Humberside fire crew about its business, and gets the shot everyone wants to see: in the cab, siren on, and red light after red light being jumped.

● The radio choice is **Ten Thousand Miles on an Overdraft** (Radio 4, 11.48am), an account of a journey during the early 1960s through Scandinavia and Russia in a vintage Alvis.

Chris Petit



Strange men whose eyebrows meet in the middle: Micha Bergese in The Company of Wolves (Ch4, 9pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.40** Watchdog. Consumer complaints investigated **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. *With Robert Kilroy-Silk*. **9.45** Advice Shop. If the DHSS turns down a benefit claim, Margo MacDonald and Dilly Braimoh explain how to appeal to an independent tribunal. (r) **10.00** News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Children's BBC. Programme news. **10.30** Play School. (r) **10.50** The Wombles. (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. Geraldine McEwan with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05** Food and Drink. Recipes for cooking fresh food; a juice extractor test; and a main course for vegetarians. (r) **11.35** Open Air. Includes news and weather at 12.00. **12.20** The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. Variety show from Newcastle upon Tyne. **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25** Neighbours. Scott is surprised by a job offer. **1.50** The Flumps. (r) **2.05** Film: Cathy's Child (1979) starring Michele Fawdon. When an Australian mother has her child taken to Greece by her estranged husband, two reporters smell a story, but their initial goulish interest is eventually replaced by genuine concern. Directed by Donald Crombie. **3.30** Play It Safe. Accident prevention advice from Jimmy Savile. (r) **3.40** Off the Record. Richard Skinner flips through historian Michael Wood's record collection. (r) **3.50** The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky. Part two. (r) **4.00** Fingermouse. (r) **4.10** SuperTed. (r) **4.20** Jackanory. Part three of The Calf of the November Cloud **4.35** Thundercats. **4.55** John Craven's Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter includes a selection of some of the 35 pups bred this year by the *only 17 adult Tibetan mastiffs* in this country. (Ceefax) **5.35** Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Top of the Pops presented by Gary Davies and Janice Long. **7.30** EastEnders. *Colin surprises* an intruder. (Ceefax) **8.00** Tomorrow's World includes news of an anthrax detection test. **8.30** A Question of Sport introduced by David Coleman. Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Kriss Akabusi, Anne Hobbs, Trevor Francis, and Eric Bristow. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Head of the Class. The first of a new American comedy series starring Howard Hesseman, as Mr Moore, a stand-in teacher for a class of intellectual geniuses but social *misfits*. **9.55** Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Max Hastings and MPs Norman Fowler, Alex Carlile and Ann Clwyd. **10.55** Simon King's Country Diary. The first of a series of films about the wildlife of the South of England. (r) **11.25** Open Air - AIDS Special. Pattie Coldwell with the last of the 'phone-in Aids information service programmes. **11.55** Weather.



The Centre of attention: Rita Hayworth stars with Victor Mature in the lavish and tuneful 1942 musical, My Gal Sal (Ch4, 2.30)

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Social Science - Questioning Assumptions. Ends at **7.20** **9.00** Ceefax. **9.30** Daytime on Two: young people using maths at work **9.52** Third year choices **10.15** Science: basic patterns 'B' **10.38** History: why appeasement? **11.00** Pigeon racing **11.18** Tutorial Topics **11.40** A bigoted, blind old *man does not know his young* cockney friend is not white. **12.12** The growth of spectator sports in Scotland **12.32** Ceefax **12.45** Science: electronics **1.05** Life in modern France **1.38** Travellers on Wales **2.00** News and weather **2.02** Moveable homes **2.15** Music: singing an 'echo' song. **2.35** In the Making. The story of Ivan Smith who, when aged 36, gave up his secure teacher's job to become a blacksmith. (r) **3.00** News and weather. **3.03** Antiques Roadshow from Worthing. (r) (Ceefax) **3.50** News, regional news, and weather. **4.00** Pamela Armstrong. **4.30** A Taste of Ulster. Derek Davis visits a herb farm and working water-mill. (r) **4.55** Children Talking. Harold Williams asks children from Colmers Farm School, Birmingham, their views on running a home. (r) **5.05** My Music. (r) **5.30** Film 87. (r) **6.00** Mission Impossible. The team does battle with a drug counterfeiting ring that preys on the needs of the sick. (r) **6.50** International Pro-Celebrity Golf. Tony Jacklin and Gary Player are joined by Tim Brooke-Taylor and Bruce Forsyth. **7.40** Call My Bluff. Word game between Arthur Marshall, partnered by Kate O'Mara and Bill Buckley, and Frank Muir, *supported by Gabrielle Drake* and Robin Bailey. **8.10** Bookmark. American short story writer Peter Taylor; and storyteller Spalding Gray. (see Choice) **9.00** Foreign Bodies. The first of a six-part comedy series, set in Belfast, about a mechanic and *Protestant*, and Roisin, a Catholic nurse from Dublin. **9.30** 40 Minutes: Fire! A documentary about a day in the life of Hull's central fire station, one of the busiest in the country. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **10.10** Phil Silvers' Doberman's *sister wants a partner* for the Family Day celebrations and Bilko tries to convince anyone that she is a raving beauty. (r) **10.35** Newsnight **11.20** Weather. **11.25** Ludwig van Beethoven. Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano sonata No 11, Op 22. **11.55** Open University: Weekend Outlook **12.00** Engineering: Linkage Mechanisms. Ends at **12.30**.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; *and exercises at* **6.55**. **7.00** Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and David Foster. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Postbag at **8.35**. After Nine includes Clare Rayner with advice on personal problems; and, at **9.17**, exercises with Lizzie Webb. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Schools: the various processes in a glass-making factory **9.42** Story-based activities **9.54** The importance of cleanliness **10.11** Part one of the story of Gulliver's Travels **10.28** Job hunting exposes a girl to sexual harassment **11.03** The children who live on Chelsea's *World's End Estate* **11.20** Russell Hoban and Quentin Blake explain how they co-operated to produce the book The Rain Door **11.37** How We Used to Live: safety in the mining industry. **12.00** Creepy Crawlies. (r) **12.10** Puddle Lane. Puppet series, *with Neil Innes* **12.30** The Sullivans. **1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news **1.30** Falcon Crest. **2.25** Home Cookery Club. Cheesy Parsnip Bake. **2.30** Daytime. The Future of Television. The results of a *Harris Poll on what we want to* see are discussed by, among others, Roger Laughton, Claire Mulholland, and Chris Dunkley **3.00** Frocks on the Box. Fashion series presented by Marie Helvin, Muriel Gray, and Stephanie Turner **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** Orm and Cheep. The first of a new series of the puppet programme, narrated by Richard Briers **4.10** Batfink. (r) **4.20** The Wind in the Willows. **4.45** The Blunders. Cartoon series about an *accident-prone family*. (r) **4.45** Adventure of a Lifetime. The first of a new series presented by Matthew Kelly featuring 30 hopeful young explorers as they undergo selection tests at Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre in Yorkshire. (Oracle) **5.15** Connections. **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help! Some of the people who care professionally for young Aids sufferers. **6.35** Crossroads. Nicola makes up her mind about her relationship with Sam Benson. **7.00** Emmerdale Farm. Alan Turner worries about his future with NY Estates. **7.30** Never the Twain. Comedy series starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as rival *antiques dealers*. (Oracle) (r) **8.00** This Week. In programme two of A National Disease, Jonathan Dimbleby is in Finland to discover how that country reduced its deaths from heart disease by 36 per cent in ten years. **8.30** All in Good Faith. Richard *Briers stars as the inner city* vicar, coming to terms with his peripatetic flock. (Oracle) **9.00** L.A.Law. Drama series set in the offices of a high-powered Los Angeles law firm. **10.00** News at Ten with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart. Weather followed by Thames *news headlines*. **10.30** Aids Help! The fourth programme in the series answering questions relating to the disease. (Oracle) **10.40** The Star Gold Awards for acts of courage or special achievement. Introduced by Nick Owen. **11.40** Meltdown. The first of a new series of non-stop music shows, tonight featuring Cecil and Linda Womack, and Seventh Heaven. **12.40** Night Thoughts.



Model Marie Helvin (centre) and Muriel Gray (right) co-host Frocks on the Box (ITV, 3pm) with fashion news from Stephanie Turner

CHANNEL 4

2.20 Their Lordships' House. An edited version of last night's programme of highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. **2.30** Film: My Gal Sal (1942) starring Rita Hayworth and Victor Mature. A musical, fictionalized, biography of the songwriter Paul Dresser, set at the turn-of-the-century. Directed by Irving Cummings. **4.20** Woody Woodpecker. Cartoon. **4.30** Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by David Reid from Edinburgh. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by John Junkin. **5.00** Film: The Vicious Circle" (1957) starring John Mills. Torturous thriller about a Harley Street doctor framed for the murder of a film star found dead in his flat. With Noelle Middleton, Derek Farr, and Roland Culver. Directed by Gerald Thomas. **6.30** Union World presented by Trevor Hyett. In the aftermath of Greenwich, are the unions giving the Labour Party the help they promised in the run-up to the next general election? Among those interviewed is Ron Todd. **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nick Owen, includes the second report from Nik Gowing in Afghanistan, tonight in a rural area where control swings between the Government and the guerrillas. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather. **8.00** Treasure Hunt. Husband and wife team, Judith and Richard Allison, from Colchester, Essex, have Anneka Rice whirling, gushing, and sometimes breathless, in and around the Bath area searching for hidden treasure. Kenneth Kendall is in the studio to assist the Allisons. **9.00** Film on Four: The Company of Wolves (1984) starring Angela Lansbury, David Warner, and Sarah Patterson. A fantasy film adapted by Angela Carter, from two of her short stories, The Company of Wolves, and Wolf Alice, about *a young girl who dreams she* is in a forest inhabited by wolves that can change into humans, and vice versa. Directed by Neil Jordan. (see Choice) **10.45** Running Fence. A documentary made by the Maysles brothers about the eccentric artist, Christo, who specializes in wrapping-up the landscape. **11.50** Passage of Life. Life's cycle *expressed through Indian* dances and scenes from Indian life. **12.15** Aids Brief. The transmission of Aids. **12.20** Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.35**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Gardening Club 11.55-12.00 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Snooker — Taylor Made 9.30-9.00 Spotlight 11.55-12.00 Spotlight ENGLAND 6.25pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 11.00am-11.15 Gwaid A Sarad

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Anglia News and Weather 1.20pm-1.30 Anglia News and Weather 3.25-3.30 Anglia News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00-7.30 Bygones Special 10.40 Folio 11.10 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense 12.35 The Peruvian Connection. Close

BORDER As London except: 1.20 Border News 1.30-2.30 Hotel 3.25 Border News Headlines 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Looksaround Thursday 10.40 Falcon Crest 11.40 Being Happy is What Matters Most 12.10am Weather. Close

CENTRAL As London except: 5.15am-6.15am Central Jobfinder '87 12.30pm-1.00 Contact 1.20 Central News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 Central News 10.30 Coming Soon... 10.40 Being Happy is What Matters Most 11.10 Police Woman 12.10am Central Jobfinder '87 1.10 Close

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News on the half hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** and then at **10.00** and **12.00**
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo with the Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** Family Traits with Mark King of Level 42 **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw
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Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30.** Sports Desks **6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45** (mf only). **9.55** 4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Barbara Windsor **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Rhythm and Blues **10.00** *Pull the Other One!* **10.30** Star Sound Cinema. The weekly film magazine **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Sing Gospel **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** International Soccer Special **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News. Look Ahead **9.45** Technologies for the 21st Century **10.00** News **10.01** Just a Little Ol' Tune **10.30** Two Cheers for February **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** A Letter From England **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Patrick Martyn's Music Box **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nashville Cats **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Assignment **4.45** The World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from England **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Business Matters **9.00** News **9.01** Book Choice **9.06** In the Meantime **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Masterpiece in Miniature **11.40** The Farming World **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.32** Patrick Martyn's Music Box **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** In the Meantime **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Zodiwalk — Berlin **2.30** Puccini and his World **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Country Style **5.45** The World Today. All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only) Acting Cleopatra. **6.55** *Weather 7.00* News **7.05** Morning Concert. Britten, Festival Te Deum, Op 32. Simon Channing (treble) James *Lancelot (organ) and the* King' College Choir, Cambridge under Philip Ledger; Debussy Sonata, Christian Lardé (flute) Gérard Caussé (viola) Marie-Claire Jamet (harp); d'Indy Symphony on a French mountain song, Op 25, Paris Orchestra under Serge Baudo. **8.00** News **8.05** Morning Concert (cont). Grieg's Lyric Suite, Op 54 (Gothenberg SO under Neeme Jarvi); Francaix, Divertissement for bassoon and string quintet, members of the Melos Ensemble; Hindemith, Symphonic metamorphosis of themes by Carl Maria von Weber (LSO under Claudio Abbado). **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composers. Dukas and Koechlin: Orchestral Music. Koechlin, Sl.tu le veux (Colonne Orchestra of Paris under Jésus Etcheverry: Dukas, Ariane et Barbe-bleue (soloists and New Philharmonic Orchestra of French radio under Armin Jordan). **10.10** Music for Violin and Piano. Nona Liddell and *Daphne Ibbot* play Denise. Roger Sonata and Beethoven Sonata in D, Op 12 No 1. **10.50** Six Continents. Angus McDermid surveys recent foreign radio recordings monitored by the BBC. **11.00** *Villa-Lobos. Prelude No* 3 in A minor, John Williams (guitar); Chôro No 2, Maurice Cliquennois (clarinet): New York Skyline (second version, 1957), Roberto Szidon (piano); Bachiana Brasileira No 5, Victoria de Los Angeles (*soprano*). **11.50** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Colin Metters, plays Lennox Berkeley's Overture for light orchestra, Op 56, Roberto Gerhard's Divertissement flamenco, Malcolm Arnold's Clarinet Concerto No 2, Holst's A Somerset thapsody, and Falla's Three Dances. **1.00** News **1.05** Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Live recital by the Parikian/Milne/Fleming Trio of Haydn's Trio in C and Mendelssohn's *Trio in* D minor, Op 49. **2.00** Austrian Radio Symphony Orchestra. Mozart's Litaniae de *venerabili altaris* sacramento, in B flat (K 125) and Missa longa in C (K262). **3.10** Schubert. Piano recital by Martin Roscoe including Sonata in E (D157) Scherzo and Trio in D (D570) and Sonata in A (D664). **4.05** BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Libor Pesek, perform Janacek's Suite, Op 3, and Dvorak's Symphony No 3 in E flat major. **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Mainly for Pleasure. Edward Seckerson presents a selection of music for the early evening **6.25** Bandstand. Band of the Scots Guards plays *Gordon Jacobs's Music for* a festival. Director of music, Major Donald Carson. **7.00** Hindemith and Strauss. Hindemith's Sonata in E, and Strauss's Sonata in E flat major, Op 18. Esther Glazer (violin) and Martin Jones (piano). **7.40** Bat Blues, by Ivor Cutler. **8.00** Liszt. Organ recital by Simon Preston at the Royal Albert Hall, London, as part of the 1986 Promenade Concerts. **9.00** Wood Versus Metal. Edward Blakeman *explores the differing styles* of flute-playing on oppoaite sides of the English Channel in the early years of this century. With recordings by John Amadio, Albert Francella, Philippe Gaubert, Geoffrey Gilbert, Adolfe Hennebains, Eli Hudson, Marcel Moyse, René Le Roy and Gordon Walker. **9.45** Taffanel. Fantaisie on Der Freischütz. **10.00** *Music in Our Time.* **11.05** Orchestral Handel. English Concert directed by Trevor Pinnock (harpsichord). **11.57-12.00** News.

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News **9.05** Face the Facts. **9.30** The Natural History Programme. Fergus Keeling and Alan Mitchell look at the richness of Britain's parkland and *garden trees*, and Lionel Kelleway laums of one man's work to halt a decline in the numbers of barn owls. **10.00** News; Medicine Show. Geoff Watts examines the health of medical care. **10.30** Morning Story. **10.45** An Act of Worship (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Analysis. If the CAP Fits ... Richard Mayne considers the prospects for reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and their implications for the EEC itself. **11.48** Ten Thousand Miles on an Overdraft. *Fred* Basnett and the saga of his travels through Scandinavia to Russia in the early 1960s. **12.00** News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with John Howard. **12.27** The Milligan Papers. *The Incurables part 2* (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One. News **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Adoption was first legalised in 1926 and a change in *the law in 1975 gave people* the right to search for their natural parents. Now the Post Adoption Centre has been set up to give advice and help in untangling problems which adoption can create. **3.00** News; Welsh Drama. A *Hanging at Hannika* by Paula Griffiths (s). **4.00** News **4.05** Bookshelf. Presented by Susan Hill **4.35-5.00** *Kaleidoscope.* **5.00** PM. News magazine. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** The Six O'Clock News **6.30** My Music. Steve Race chairs the musical panel game (s) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Any Answers? John Timpson sifts through listeners' responses to last week's Any Questions? **7.40** An Ever Closer Union. A look at the European Community through portraits of its members. 7: Denmark — Poor Little Rich Country. **8.40** Profile. A personal portrait in conversation, recollection and anecdote; an assessment of a public figure or the story of a private individual. **9.00** Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners and their families. **9.30** Phil Smith scours the Archives for past news which is relevant today. **9.45** Kaleidoscope. *Christopher Bigsby* presents tonight's edition, which includes interviews, and news and reviews of books, films and exhibitions. **10.15** A Book at Bedtime (s) Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert (14) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **9.05-10.45** For Schools: **9.05** Preview **9.08** Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Secondary English (11-14) (s) *9.55 First Steps in Drama* (s) **10.15** Something to Think About **10.25** Country Dancing Stage II (s). **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Noticeboard **11.05** In The News **11.30** Wavelength (s) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** The Song Tree (s) **2.20** *Living Language* **2.40** Newcast **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University. **11.30** An Advancement of Learning. **11.50** Poetry — The Radical 1790s **12.10am** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Radio History 14-16 **12.30** The Famine Years **12.50** The Dynamite War.

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Chelsea planning to scale down Stamford Bridge

By Clive White

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, unveiled plans yesterday to beat the property developers at their own game. He intends to buy the lease on the club's ground by redeveloping more than half the 11-acre site himself and still retain a "scaled-down Stamford Bridge" for Chelsea Football Club.

Bates, who announced his plans on BBC2's *Sports Afternoon* programme, intends to build a community and leisure centre as part of the redevelopment of the ground. "Stamford Bridge was very badly designed," he said. "We think we'll need between four and five acres for a scaled-down Stamford Bridge, doing away with the dog track, and still have between five and six acres for other use."

He added: "We want to get back to the grass roots where football came from and has been forgotten in the last few years." Full details will be announced in one or two months, he said. "We want to keep our powder dry," he explained.

Bates's proposals again raised the question whether a redevelopment of Craven Cottage, whereby Fulham could continue to play there, might not still be the answer to that club's problems. Marler Estates, the parent company of SB Property, who won Stamford Bridge's lease, and Fulham Football Club hope to obtain planning permission for Craven Cottage.

But given the long-drawn-out fight they can expect from Hammersmith Council, who are committed to retaining the homes of all three clubs in their borough, perhaps Marler would be advised to be a little more accommodating.

Bates also challenged Marler Estates to produce the evidence on what they base their valuation of Stamford Bridge. David Bulstrode, the chairman of Marler Estates, has suggested a valuation of £40 million for the site by the time the lease expires in August, 1989. Chelsea have an option to buy it in August of next year.

Marler, who received planning permission for the ground from the council two years ago when it was controlled by the Conservatives, say the ground was valued at £25 million a year ago. Bates said: "I have grave doubts about the figures being put in the balance-sheet."

He continued: "I don't think that the planning consent is as good as it's made out to be. It has a very serious condition in it which says they can't get any income from the ground until the whole 11 acres have been developed — that could be a two or three-year job.

"They have a large problem in demolishing the east stand because it's made of re-inforced concrete. They can't blow it up, so they'll have to use jack-hammers. They've got 150 cubic metres of muck to move before they start building — the residents are going to love that," Bates said.

Should Chelsea and Marler Estates be unable to agree a figure when the lease expires, an independent arbitrator will be appointed by the president of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors.



Split decision: Harald Schumacher (left) and the president of Cologne, Peter Weiand, announce their parting of the ways

Further attack on 'Big Four'

By John Goodbody

The managing director of Britain's largest company owning greyhound tracks yesterday joined in criticism of the four leading bookmakers — Ladbrokes, Coral, William Hill and Mecca.

Charles Chandler, of the Greyhound Racing Association (GRA), said that control of the sport by the big four had led to a "ludicrous situation".

Mr Chandler's attack follows a letter printed in *The Times* on Tuesday, in which Major-General James Majury, a senior steward of the National Greyhound Racing Club (NGRC), alleged that powerful bookmaking interests are planning to replace the NGRC as the governing body for afternoon racing.

The "Big Four" already dominate the Bookmakers Afternoon Greyhound Services (BAGS), owning four of the six licensed tracks. In a letter published in *The Sporting Life* yesterday, Mr Chandler said: "The two BAGS tracks not owned by the bookmakers, Hackney and Bristol, have always been at a considerable disadvantage when negotiating their fees for afternoon racing.

"They are faced with competition from bookmaker-owned tracks prepared to race at uneconomic levels, since their costs are offset by the enormous profits from off-course operations."

Mr Chandler said yesterday: "The attitude of the GRA is echoed by owners of all tracks. Hopefully the powers that be will take proper notice of this situation."

Club loses record £208,350

By Martin Searby

Huddersfield Town, who are struggling for survival in the second division, made a record loss of £208,350 in the financial year which ended last July.

The club's overdraft doubled from £157,000 and the deficit compares with a £15,000 profit in the previous year. However this figure is misleading, according to George Binns, the club secretary, because £100,000 was paid out in transfer fees soon after the surplus was announced.

The accounts reveal that Terry Curran, who joined on a free transfer from Everton, was paid £30,000 during his 12-month stay when he scored seven goals in 34 games.

Curran, now with Sunderland, his tenth club in a 13-year career, could do little to help his troubled team at Hull on Tuesday night and the midfielder was substituted as the home side eased their own problems with a 1-0 win which gave Brian Horton, the manager, cause for optimism.

"There's no way we can go down," he said. "We're not a relegation team and with eight of the last 14 games at home I am pretty confident."

In a refreshingly generous change of heart Horton has rewarded little midfield player Billy Askew for recent performances by taking him off the transfer list

Everton step up Clarke interest

Everton's long-running interest in Wayne Clarke, the Birmingham City forward, is progressing towards a deal in the next 48 hours.

Everton approached Ken Wheldon, the Birmingham chairman, yesterday in an attempt to reach agreement on a complicated set of financial arrangements. Wheldon has been placed in a dilemma over the player's refusal to sign an improved contract, and Everton's reluctance to offer more than £250,000.

However, a decision is being forced upon him because the player's contract ends this summer. Talks yesterday centred on a compromise allowing Birmingham to meet their obligation of paying part of the fee to Wolverhampton Wanderers, Clarke's former club, and retaining enough to satisfy themselves. Birmingham were ordered by a tribunal to pay £80,000 for Clarke, plus 50 per cent of any profits from a resale, in 1984.

The Birmingham chairman also yesterday rebuked John Bond, the manager, for comments about Bobby Robson, the England manager, which has brought him an FA charge of bringing the game into disrepute. Bond has been told by his chairman that in future he must concentrate his efforts on the affairs at St Andrews.

Wheldon's busy day was completed when David Geddis signed for Shrewsbury Town in a £25,000 deal, after completing a month on loan at Gay Meadow.

● Bobby McDonald, the Oxford United defender, signed for Leeds United yesterday after a spell on loan. He has been given an 18-month contract by the Yorkshire club, where he has taken over the left back role.

● Queen's Park Rangers have signed Les Ferdinand, the Hayes forward, for £15,000 — beating the record fee when the Vauxhall Opel League club sold Cyrille Regis to West Bromwich Albion for £10,000 10 years ago.

● Scunthorpe United have paid Hull City a five-figure fee for Andy Flounders, who will make his debut in Saturday's home game against Cardiff City.

● Bournemouth have completed the signing of Tony Sealy, from Leicester City. Sealy is joining Bournemouth on loan for the rest of the season and joins their squad for Saturday's match at Wigan.

● A three-way tug-of-war between London clubs has developed over Tony Cascarino, Gillingham's Republic of Ireland forward. Charlton Athletic have been joined in the hunt by Wimbledon and Millwall for the player who cost Gillingham a set of track suits and is now valued at £200,000.

● After failing to sign Paul Stewart from Blackpool, Manchester City want Andy Jones, the Port Vale forward

Drugs row decision at Cologne

Cologne (Reuter) — Harald Schumacher, the West German goalkeeper, has agreed to leave Cologne after a controversy over claims that his fellow players took drugs, the club said yesterday.

The Cologne president, Peter Weiand, announced the departure after Schumacher, already stripped of the national captaincy because of his allegations, met with club executives. Weiand said Schumacher would end his contract two years early after 15 years with the first division club. He said the decision was by mutual agreement but did not disclose the terms.

Schumacher, ranked among the world's best goalkeepers and the highest paid in West Germany, was not available for comment but the German media have speculated that he might move abroad. The West German Football Federation (DFB) has called a meeting for tomorrow, Schumacher's 33rd birthday, to decide whether he should also be dropped from the national team.

Schumacher's career has been in doubt since the West German magazine, *Der Spiegel*, last month began serializing excerpts from his autobiography, *Starting Whistle*. Schumacher, who admits he once experimented with pep pills, says in the book that there was a "tradition of doping" in West German football and cites a number of cases in which he alleges players took drugs.

Weiand has said the allegations were damaging for the team and instituted dope tests in a move the club has said was needed to protect the reputation of Cologne and the players.

Schumacher is the most-capped professional still active in West Germany.

Dutch League bar riot club from playing this weekend

Den Haag, the Dutch first division club whose supporters rioted during the home match against Ajax Amsterdam last weekend, were yesterday barred from visiting AZ '67 Alkmaar in their League match next Sunday.

The mayor of Alkmaar, Kees Roozemond, said that he had decided not to allow the visit in a bid to prevent a repetition of the violence at the Zuiderpark stadium, in which 40 people were injured and 17 arrested.

The Dutch football association (KNVB) yesterday awarded Ajax the match points after play was halted at half-time at the request of the police. Den Haag supporters had damaged the stands, thrown blocks of concrete and began brawling with their rivals. Ajax led 2-0 at the time.

Arie Ligthart, the chairman of AZ '67, asked the KNVB to rule for a two-week cooling-off period before Den Haag's next match was played.

Roozemond stated that Alkmaar police said they would need at least 140 officers to maintain order, with forces in neighboring towns on full alert in case of disturbances.

Roozemond added that the match at Alkmaar could go ahead at a later date, but only on condition that a pass system had been introduced, allowing the club to exclude known trouble-makers.

But Wim Jesse, a spokesman for the KNVB, said if such a system were adopted, it would not come into effect until next season. In the meantime, the KNVB proposed that potentially violent fixtures be made all-ticket.

Additionally, the stand favoured by the hard-core rowdies in the Zuiderpark would be closed until the end of the season and the number of standing places would be reduced by 10,000 to 5,000.

Ironically, the move has a precedent: Three years ago, the match between AZ '67 and Feyenoord was banned.

● In Milan, the widely-circulated daily newspaper, *Gazzetta dello Sport* attacked the violence in the Netherlands and in Italy. On Sunday, 200 Fiorentino supporters fought rival groups and police after their team lost 1-0 to Juventus, and there were arrests following unrest at the Ascoli-Atlanta match in Bergamo, and in Rome after the second division game between Lazio and Pescara.

Dynamo Kiev must wait for first leg

Istanbul (AFP) — The European Cup quarter-final first leg match between Besiktas Istanbul, of Turkey, and Dynamo Kiev, of the Soviet Union, scheduled for last night, was postponed because a blizzard made the pitch unplayable.

Groundsmen are working franctically at the Ali Sami Yen Stadium to clear the pitch of the heavy snowfall. Turkish Football Federation officials said the game would be played today if the ground could be cleared.

Kiev were originally due to host the first leg, but agreed to a request from Besiktas for a switch. The Turks were worried about a loss of gate receipts for the return if they were heavily beaten in the Soviet Union.

South Korea drops bid to stage World Cup

Zurich (AP) — South Korea yesterday withdrew its bid to host the 1994 World Cup finals, the day after being announced as one of seven provisional bidders.

Guido Tognoni, a spokesman for the international football federation, FIFA, said the South Korean football authorities relayed the decision in a two-line telex message which gave no explanation for their apparent change of heart.

But in Seoul, an official of the Korean football association, who wished to remain anoymous, said: "At this stage, we cannot afford to host such international football events, because our facilities are not up to the required world standards. We have no intention to stage the World Cup before the year 2000."

After FIFA has informed them of the World Cup organizing rules, the other six countries — Algeria, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Morocco and the United States — have until April 10 to confirm or withdraw their candidacies.

● OSLO: In a desperate attempt to halt a decline in attendances the Norwegian football authorities have decided to cut out draws (AFP reports). From now on all matches which end all-square will be decided by penalty shoot-outs. In addition, three points will be awarded to winning clubs, as in England. However, a team which wins on penalties, after 90 minutes have failed to break the deadlock, will get only two points. The losers in the sudden-death shoot-out get no points.

Selectors may frown on Barnes

By David Hands

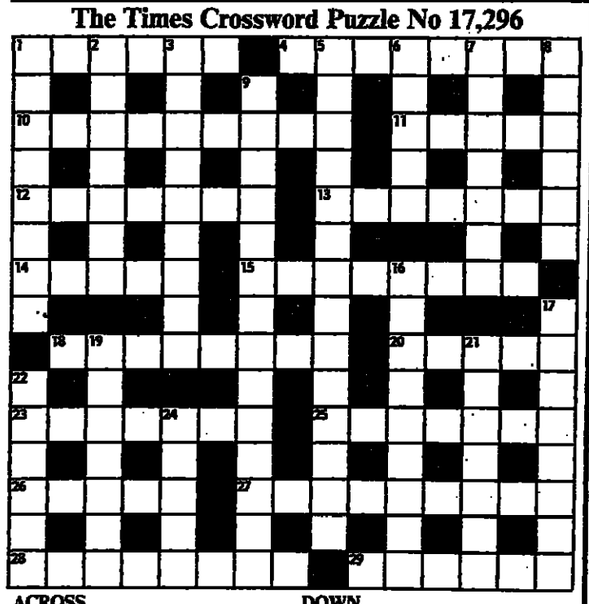
Stuart Barnes, the Bath stand-off half, further emphasized yesterday his desire to regain his England position by declaring that he has no intention of joining the world cup party "just for the ride". By so doing, however, he hardly strengthens his own position by appearing to hold a gun to the selectors' heads.

Barnes said: "If things stay as they are I would have to decline the World Cup."

● **Wasps's game with Coventry on Saturday remains a John Smith's merit table A match, despite the suggestion yesterday that the club would 'de-merit' because they had players away with England. Wasps are second from bottom of the table and are thus in no case to de-value any of their remaining games.**

Coventry are the bottom club and so have an equal interest in playing all their remaining games. They have re-arranged their merit table game with London Scottish for March 14.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,296



ACROSS

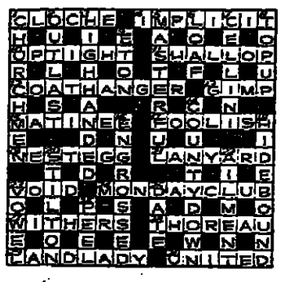
1 Governor taken in by politician's speculation (6).
4 Voice recognized in punch-up by river (8).
10 Elements in Iran introducing agitation (9).
11 Possibly one drawing near this poetic land (5).
12 Weaver rejected strikes — hubbub ensues (7).
13 Knocked it back, the heartless old Anatolian! (7).
14 Diamonds Northern Ireland produced for Boudicca's people (5).
15 Audible attempt to damage a new vessel (8).
18 Mysterious return to Kent, perhaps, by E. Williams (8).
20 Tea in the country, by-passing the motorway (5).
23 Game to include jazzy piece in this medley (7).
25 Provisional Indian opener in, batting with style (7).
26 They're conceived inside a study (5).
27 It's a loser, unfortunately, for a costumier (9).
28 A Homeric character can always appear a rebel (8).
29 Compound in which I staged a protest (6).

DOWN

1 Cook's assistant converts part of the theatre (8).
2 Having no horse, move abroad — Abu Dhabi, for instance (7).
3 Soldier strives wildly to become an irregular (9).
5 Doctrinaire judge may provide ammunition for president's detractor (8,6).
6 Society jargon inadequate for the literary (5).
7 Mad strain shown by a Catherine the Great (7).
8 Ohio's abbreviation for this element? (6).
9 Sleeping partner in trouble over drinking? (3-5,6).
16 A novice cricketer. Lawrence gets the bird (9).
17 Vessel carrying troops — not one for dairy produce (8).
19 The Devil of an instrument once! (7).
21 Collect, having made five hearts (7).
22 Declare a business partnership sound (6).
24 Executing an ecclesiastic is a crime (5).

Concise crossword, page 10

Solution to Puzzle No 17,295



WEATHER

General situation: Atlantic fronts will introduce milder conditions to all of northern and western Britain but the South-east will stay fairly cold. Cloudy, some bright intervals in many places. Rain at times. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Fairly mild, dull and cloudy with some rain at times in many areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	11	52	Madrid	s	19	66
Akrotiri	r	15	59	Majorca	f	15	59
Alex'dria	c	20	68	Malaga	s	26	79
Algiers	c	20	68	Malta	f	13	55
Amst'dam	f	-3	27	Melb'rne	s	23	73
Athens	f	4	39	Mexico C'	s	21	70
Bahrain	c	23	73	Miami*	c	25	77
Barbados*	s	29	84	Milan	s	1	34
Barcelna	c	13	55	Montreal*	c	-5	23
Beirut				Moscow	s	-12	10
Belgrade	s	-7	19	Munich	s	-5	23
Berlin	c	-5	23	Nairobi	s	31	88
Bermuda*				Naples	s	3	37
Biarritz	c	12	54	N Delhi	s	27	81
Borde'x	c	8	46	N York*	f	7	45
Brussels	c	2	36	Nice	c	7	45
Budapst	f	-4	25	Oslo	c	-8	18
B Aires*	f	28	82	Paris	c	0	32
Cairo	s	21	70	Peking			
Cape Tn	s	28	82	Perth	f	29	84
C'blanca	s	22	72	Prague	s	-6	21
Chicago*	s	6	43	Reykjvk	f	4	39
Ch'church	r	13	55	Rhodes	f	14	57
Cologne	s	-4	25	Rio de J	s	28	82
C'pnagn	sn	-4	25	Riyadh	s	23	73
Corfu	c	9	43	Rome	s	7	45
Dublin	f	7	45	Salzburg	s	-4	25
Dubrovnik				S Fr'sco*	c	14	57
Faro	s	22	72	Santiago*	s	25	79
Florence	s	3	37	S Paulo*	c	27	81
Frankfurt	s	-3	27	Seoul	r	6	43
Funchal	s	22	72	Sing'por	r	27	81
Geneva	c	1	34	St'kholm	f	-12	10
Gibraltar	s	26	79	Stresb'rg	c	-2	28
Helsinki	sn	-13	9	Sydney	r	20	68
Hong K	c	21	70	Tangier	s	20	68
Innsbruck	s	-3	27	Tel Aviv	c	13	55
Istanbul	sn	-3	27	Tenerife	s	21	70
Jeddah	s	26	79	Tokyo	s	14	57
Jo'burg*	f	27	81	Toronto*	sn	-3	27
Karachi	s	32	90	Tunis	r	10	50
L Palmas	s	22	72	Valencia	s	20	68
La Toquet	c	0	32	Vanc'ver*	c	11	52
Lisbon	s	19	66	Venice	s	-1	30
Locarno	f	3	37	Vienna	s	-6	21
L Angels*	f	17	63	Warsaw	sn	-7	19
Luxembg	c	-5	21	Wash'ton*	c	12	54
				Wel'ton	r	12	54
				Zurich	s	-5	21

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-				
Bridlington	2.2	-	3	37	cloudy
Cromer	1.6	.02	1	34	snow
Lowestoft	3.9	.03	0	32	snow
Clacton	7.8	.02	1	34	sunny
Southend	8.2	-	-	-	sunny
Margate	-	-	0	32	sunny
Folkestone	9.7	.02	1	34	sunny
Hastings	9.7	-	3	37	sunny
Eastbourne	9.4	-	3	37	sunny
Brighton	8.3	-	3	37	sunny
Worthing	8.9	-	4	39	sunny
Littlehmptn	9.0	-	5	41	sunny
Bognor R	8.2	-	4	39	sunny
Southsea	7.7	-	4	39	sunny
Sandown	6.8	-	3	37	sunny
Shanklin	6.7	-	3	37	sunny
Bournemth	5.6	-	5	41	snow
Poole	4.8	-	7	45	snow
Swanage	4.4	-	3	37	bright
Weymouth	1.9	-	4	39	sunny
Exmouth	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.5	-	4	39	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Penzance	0.6	-	7	45	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	8	46	dull
Jersey	1.5	-	5	41	cloudy
Guernsey	0.7	-	5	41	cloudy
Newquay	2.7	-	5	43	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	6	46	bright
Minehead	-	-	3	37	sleet
B'pool Airpt	0.1	-	3	37	cloudy
Morecambe	-	-	3	37	dull
Douglas	2.9	-	4	39	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	2.5	-	2	36	snow
Bristol (Cnt)	1.8	-	5	41	snow
Carlisle	1.9	-	4	39	cloudy
London	8.0	.01	4	39	sunny
Manchester	0.7	-	3	37	snow
N'cstl-a-Tyne	0.8	-	2	36	snow
Nottingham	0.2	-	2	36	cloudy
Anglesey	6.3	-	6	43	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	-	-	2	36	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Tenby	1.0	-	4	39	cloudy
Aberdeen	1.3	.02	5	41	cloudy
Edinburgh	6.7	-	7	45	sunny
Eskdalemuir	-	-	2	36	snow
Glasgow	5.3	-	7	45	bright
Kinloss	5.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Lerwick	7.9	.06	8	46	sunny
Prestwick	4.7	-	5	41	sunny
Stornoway	2.2	-	7	45	bright
Tiree	3.1	-	7	45	bright
Wick	6.4	-	7	45	sunny
Belfast	2.1	-	6	43	cloudy

* figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.02	7.0	5.30	6.7
Aberdeen	4.35	3.7	4.44	3.9
Avonmouth	10.31	12.8	10.42	12.0
Belfast	2.20	3.2	2.42	3.3
Cardiff	10.16	11.6	10.27	11.1
Devonport	8.50	5.2	9.05	5.0
Dover	2.06	6.5	2.30	6.0
Falmouth	8.20	5.0	8.36	4.8
Glasgow	3.57	4.8	4.17	4.9
Harwich	2.54	3.9	3.21	3.6
Holyhead	1.24	5.0	1.42	5.1
Hull	9.38	6.8	9.48	7.1
Ilfracombe	9.15	8.4	9.25	8.0
Leith	6.04	4.9	6.19	5.1
Liverpool	2.18	8.7	2.36	8.7
Lowestoft	12.24	2.5	1.57	2.1
Margate	3.04	4.7	3.35	4.3
Milford Haven	9.32	6.5	9.45	6.1
Newquay	8.26	6.5	8.39	6.2
Oban	8.50	3.5	8.48	3.4
Penzance	7.56	5.3	8.12	5.1
Portland	9.59	1.9	10.06	1.7
Portsmouth	2.38	4.6	2.52	4.4
Shoreham	2.12	6.0	2.31	5.7
Southampton	2.07	4.3	2.21	4.1
Swansea	9.36	8.9	9.45	8.6
Tees	7.04	4.8	7.16	5.1
Wilton-on-Nze	2.47	4.2	3.15	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.385	2.265
Austria Sch	21.00	19.90
Belgium Fr	62.85	59.25
Canada $	2.165	2.065
Denmark Kr	11.24	10.64
Finland Mkk	7.50	7.00
France Fr	9.90	9.40
Germany Dm	2.965	2.835
Greece Dr	219	204
Hong Kong $	12.58	11.98
Ireland Pt	1.125	1.065
Italy Lira	2130	2010
Japan Yen	254	240
Netherlands Gld	3.37	3.19
Norway Kr	11.33	10.73
Portugal Esc	226	216
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.60
Spain Pta	207.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	10.51	9.96
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.38
USA $	1.63	1.56
Yugoslavia Dnr	980	860

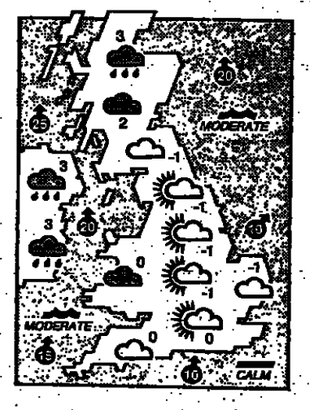
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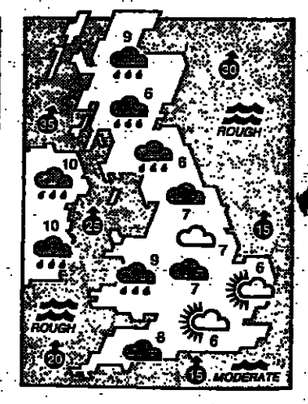
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LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.17 pm to 6.06 am
Bristol 6.27 pm to 6.16 am
Edinburgh 6.24 pm to 6.23 am
Manchester 6.23 pm to 6.17 am
Penzance 6.40 pm to 6.27 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -2C (28F). Humidity: 6 pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1020.4 millibars, rising.
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

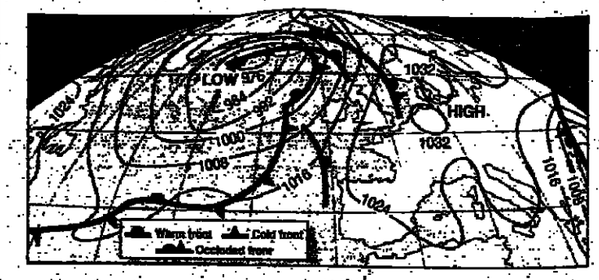
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	7	45	Guernsey	c	8	46
B'ringham	c	3	37	Inverness	r	5	41
Blackpool	c	4	39	Jersey	c	8	46
Bristol	c	3	37	London	sn	1	34
Cardiff	r	5	41	M'nchester	c	0	32
Edinburgh	f	4	39	Newcastle	sn	-1	30
Glasgow	s	3	37	R'nldsway	s	7	45

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (27F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.0in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.5hr.

Sun rises: 6.39 am
Sun sets: 5.47 pm
Moon rises 8.24 am
Moon sets 1.03 am
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NOON TODAY



THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

March 5, 1987



Only the most market-orientated and efficient firms will make profits in business today, says Roland Smith

Marketing is about hard numbers — not just about well trained teams selling to individual customers, major retailers, government or technically based groups. Marketing is about profit — not about sales volume. Marketing is about profit margins, and it's about levels of service to the customer.

So marketing really embraces all of top management's responsibilities: their approach to business, use of productive resources, attitudes to customers, government, suppliers, staff and shareholders.

Directors have the responsibility to define very carefully what business, what markets and what technologies their companies are in; the definitions need to be broadly based to enable everyone in their companies to know what management is endeavouring to achieve, and all the detailed plans and programmes across the company will be focused on achieving these broad objectives.

A great deal of success in business depends on the skill with which management can establish performance-based objectives with subordinate managers and staff. Whatever businesses companies believe themselves to be in, business is essentially about the management and marketing of innovation and risk.

Without innovation, businesses would become sterile, and would decline.

Innovation is at the heart of marketing management, yet it has become more fashionable, especially in Britain and Europe, to talk about rationalization and contraction rather than innovation and business growth.

We require a national mood being stimulated by those who guide this economy, which focuses on business development and growth rather than on rationalization and contraction.

Most businesses are organized to achieve today's profit targets — not too many are organized to achieve rising profits in the 1990s.

The important markets, with big volume, big profits and high visibility stakes, are internationally based — petroleum, motor vehicles, metals, aircraft, banking services. These are international opportunity markets.

The most significant business challenge in Europe and North America is how national and international businesses in these regions accommodate the competitive challenge from Far Eastern economies that are taking increasing international market shares in both mature and expanding product areas.

The reality of business life in the 1980s is that we have already witnessed a fundamental shift in the balance of manufacturing industry away from Europe and America to Pacific Basin communities, and the process may well be continued. The challenge for both American and European marketeers is to innovate either with new technologies or with redesigned and repositioned mature products that still command significant market volume.

Such innovation requries two things — first, a sophisticated appreciation of entrepreneurial marketing and a willingness to take significant business risks by senior marketing management.

And secondly, it requires a steady supply of graduate engineers trained in the evolving technologies. British business cannot compete in international markets without advanced or up-to-date technologies, even in the manufacture and sale of mature products.

Unemployment is a function of our technology, and technology will develop only from highly trained graduate engineers.

What is a rather surprising feature is the way that British business has shown little endeavour to influence the activities and work programmes of British universities.

The challenge for marketing management is to define the path forward for their companies. If businesses are to be market-led, as they must, then marketing management should be prepared to provide the detailed plans.

The most effective short definition of marketing that I put to my managers in my various companies is that "marketing is concerned with making it easy for the customer to consume your product". Such a definition requires us to plan and develop a strategy that is based on developing and selling premium products based on outstanding technology.

In the Department of Management Sciences in the University of Manchester, we have a big research team working in a whole range of European engineering and electronics businesses, looking at the relationship of manufacturers to their customer profiles, and also the way the customers look at their suppliers.

Some tremendously valuable material has appeared. Some large British electronics and engineering groups have little or no marketing resources at all. If you ask for information about markets or what the Americans call marketing information systems, little is available. I must say, having been on the receiving end of a number of presentations by electronics and computer hardware and software groups wishing to sell their products, the quality of sales presentation has varied enormously from company to company.

Marketing people can on occasion succumb to the attractions of their own methodology rather than the dynamics of the marketplace! What is needed in today's competitive world are men and women who have an understanding of the market-place in which they operate; who are statistically driven in their management thinking; and who have an understanding of financial business performance. Essentially, the requirement is to integrate flair, imagination and pragmatic response with the more professional standards of management behaviour.

When marketing people talk to their chairman and chief executive about the potential business development opportunities for their companies, they must concern themselves with the fact that the points of competitive challenge are far greater and far more international than even five years ago. Every day new capacity, new technology, are emerging all around the world, rather than just in Europe and North America.

Marketing people must have this broad international entrepreneurial orientation and confront their colleagues with the challenging question: has our company sufficient productive and marketing capacity in these different regions of the world?

Speed of competitive response is absolutely vital in today's markets: there is so much underutilized competitive capacity available around the world that if companies have little or no market planning, or are too bureaucratic in their response — or simply get their market analysis wrong — then it is more likely that such companies will wiped out.

Even though all the major markets are highly competitive, there is an immense volume of business to be done and only the most efficient market-orientated firms will take the business and make profit from it.

Professor Roland Smith is professor of marketing at the Institute of Science and Technology, University of Manchester, and chairman of Hepworth Ceramic Holdings

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You'll therefore have a background in Marketing and a proven knowledge of business development. Some project management experience will be an advantage as will a knowledge of the training environment. You'll also need to be a self-motivated high achiever, with good communication and interpersonal skills, and the ability to deal credibly with people at the most senior levels.

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Northern Regional Health Authority

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More detailed information and the compulsory application form may be obtained on written request (ref: Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 58 of 6.3.1987 - Open Competition No. (J 161/86)

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BBC APPOINTMENTS

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THE LAW SOCIETY

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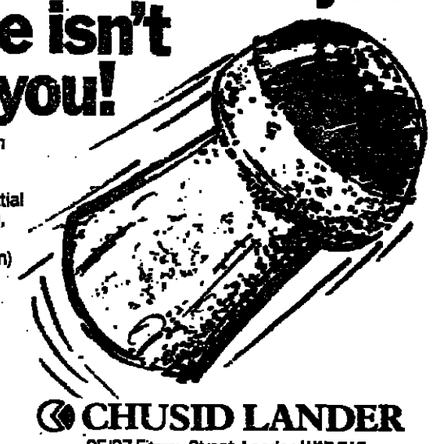
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A guide to career development

In a second article in our series on working with animals, Sally Watts discusses openings for teachers

Helping those first steps in a zoo quest

After 19 years teaching in a primary school, Frances Rogers now works for the London Zoo's education programme, helping to teach visiting undergraduates and parties of school children. The programme is run by an education officer and four assistant officers, of whom Frances is one. Another works at Whipsnade Zoo.

Most have graduated in zoology or biology and all are good at teaching, so they can provide the best possible lectures, guided tours and other activities. Frances began with a year's secondment to the zoo, but two years after she returned to school the zoo decided to have a primary teacher on the staff, and she was appointed.

Her work is mainly with the four to 11 year-olds. On the day we talked she had dealt with a small home tuition group followed by a party of 15-year-olds, and enjoys being able to cater for children of all ages and needs.

"I was very happy teaching, but there were a lot more administrative responsibilities", says Frances, who was a deputy head, and acting head for a year. "Now I work with the whole primary range. I see the animals every day and conservation projects are going on — there's always a lot happening."

The education staff, backed by three untrained young assistants who are getting the feel of zoo life, run the volunteer schemes, prepare *Zoo News* contributions, geared to Young Friends of the Zoo, give talks at the teacher centre and answer telephone inquiries from the public.

Frances also trains teaching auxiliaries, and prepares lectures and work sheets.

Pay is at Burnham Scale II, plus London weighting. Most zoos employ an education staff, but unfortunately vacancies are rare.

Another example is provided by David Cavill, also a former teacher. While he was finance and personnel director of a large kennels, he realized the need for teaching and training show judges. In 1980 he set up the Canine Studies Institute at Bracknell, and three years later it was accredited as a correspondence college.

David Cavill has introduced a number of courses, of which some are particularly suited to older people wishing to specialize. One is the Diploma of Kennel Management for those who decide to own their own kennels.

Another is the Judging Diploma and for this students should have owned and exhibited show dogs for at least five years and have some experience of breeding, while the Dog Breeding Certificate is useful for people hoping to specialize in breeding and exhibiting.

Similarly, men and women who have worked with horses may decide to use their experience by establishing their own business, such as a riding school. Business and management skills are as important as equine qualifications, and it is helpful if two people, each proficient in one or the other area, join forces.

The British Horse Society's booklet, *Working With Horses*, lists studies at county colleges of agriculture: for instance, the Advanced National Certificate in Equine Business Management, a one-year course for those with work experience, or — for senior staff including managers and proprietors — the Racing Industry Equine Husbandry course, a two-week block.

Saddlery is useful, interesting work for people with craft skill, manual dexterity, and a "horsey" background. Cordwainers College, in Hackney, London, runs a three-year City and Guilds Diploma.

Although 18 is the minimum, you can apply at any age. Most students hope to own their own saddlery, and business and management are part of the course contents. An alternative way to train is by being apprenticed to a Master Saddler. (The Society of Master Saddlers is at Easdon, Lower Icknield Way, Chinnor, Oxon OX9 4DZ.)

One of the most-sought areas, and one of the hardest to enter, is conservation. Professional vacancies are relatively rare and competition is fierce. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, for example, likes applicants to possess a first degree in natural sciences, a qualification in statistics computing, and to hold or be preparing for a PhD.



Loving it: a day out at London Zoo

But a few do find professional jobs later. One is David Elcome, who was a 36-year-old lecturer at a teacher training college when he was appointed head of RSPB's education department. A job advertisement enabled him to combine his hobby of bird watching with his teaching skills and interest in conservation.

One advantage was that, having taught geography in a secondary school, he understood the schools exam system — and the RSPB was concerned that there was little in the syllabus and exams on birds and conservation. So his department is producing material geared to the new General Certificate of Secondary Education. It also runs the Young Ornithologists' Club and arranges children's activities.

Since his appointment, David Elcome has built up his professional staff to 18. Some are in regional offices, some are teacher-wardens at nature centres, others work at education centres visited by schools and students.

The Farming and Wildlife Trust, at Lincoln, advises farmers on conservation and there is an increasing demand for their expertise. So staff need a farming background and a good ecology qualification — and every vacancy is considerably over-subscribed.

But older applicants have a fair chance: the minimum age is 25, most are appointed in the late 20s or early 30s and there is no upper age limit, though they must be adaptable, with proven practical experience.

People with good scientific backgrounds find research opportunities for organizations, ranging from the Nature Conservancy Council to the London Zoo, which is a learned society. Here some 80 men and women — junior technicians through to top scientists — are engaged in important work directed towards health, in areas such as diet and fertility.

Most are on short-term grants from bodies like the World Health Organization, Medical Research Council, or British Heart Foundation.

For people who choose a career in veterinary medicine later than most, there are a few university places for mature students. They still need the right A levels, and some have a related degree. Among numerous opportunities for vets in research and medicine, there is an increasing amount of preventive work, like teaching livestock skills to farmers, and advising on herd health.

Late starters interested in training to be RSPCA inspectors should remember that candidates are considered up to 35, and beyond in special cases. Other welfare bodies include the Feline Advisory Bureau, the Blue Cross, and the National Canine Defence League.

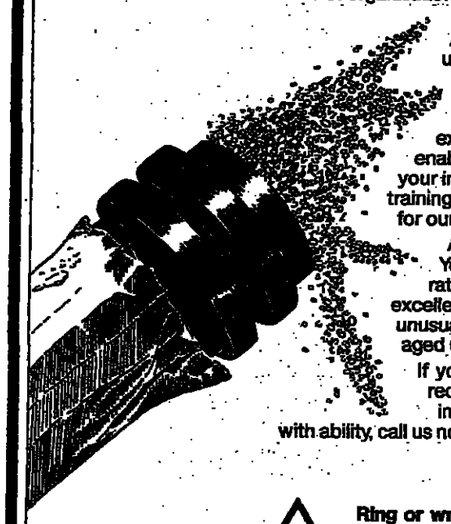
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